

POLITICAL HATS ALREADY IN AIR

State Capitol Hears of Potential Candidates Being Groomed for Campaign of 1926.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—With politics in the air the people of the state are talking it, past, present and future. There is even a considerable amount of speculation as to 1926, the next election year.

Already names of a number of prominent men are being mentioned in connection with races in 1926, notably the race for governor, and also that for United States senate. There are no announcements this far ahead, of course, but at the same time it is regarded as an open secret in some cases that certain men expect to be candidates next time.

Governor McLeod begins his second term next year, and as no governor holds office in this state longer than four years, his successor will be chosen in 1926. Among those being frequently mentioned as possible candidates are Ben E. Adams of Charleston, defeated this year in a race for congress in which there were four contestants; Ira W. Blackwood of Spartanburg, solicitor of the Seventh judicial circuit; Eugene S. Blease of Newberry, member of the house, and brother of Senator Nominee Cole L. Blease; Edgar A. Brown of Barnwell, member of the house and chairman of the state Democratic executive committee; J. K. Hamblin, of Union, member of the house; Lieutenant-Governor E. B. Jackson of Wagoner; George K. Laney of Chesterfield, former member of the state senate and candidate for governor in 1922; A. B. Langley of Columbia, member of the state highway commission; A. Foster McKissick, of Greenville, member of the house; Thomas H. Peoples of Columbia, former attorney general and member-nominate of the Richland county house delegation; W. A. Stuckey of Bishopville, lawyer; Dr. Olin Sawyer of Georgetown, member of the house; Claude N. Sapp, of Columbia, member of the house; and Mayor Thomas P. Stoney of Charleston. Since the recent second primary, the name of Congressman James F. Byrnes, eliminated from the race for the United States senate, has also been mentioned as a possible aspirant for the governorship.

There is considerable discussion also of the part the Blease leaders will play in the 1926 elections, when former Governor Blease, leader of the faction, will be in the United States senate. It is frequently said that the former governor would hardly take a hand in any race then. Whether his brother or some other follower will endeavor to take up the mantle of the former faction leader is to be seen.

The name of Mendel L. Smith, of Camden, former judge and former house member, now representative-nominate, has been mentioned frequently in connection with possible ambition for the governorship and also for the senate. It is believed he would make acceptable timber for either.

Special Services At Shady Grove

Rev. A. R. Batchelor of Whitmire, To Conduct Meeting Beginning September 18th.

Beginning next Thursday morning, September 18th, at eleven o'clock, the Rev. A. R. Batchelor of Whitmire, will conduct a meeting at Shady Grove Presbyterian church. There will be services on Friday and Saturday morning, Thursday and Friday nights. On Sunday there will be two services morning and afternoon. The sacrament will be administered as part of the Sunday morning program. A basket luncheon will be served.

A cordial invitation to attend is given to all, especially to friends in Clinton and to people in the Shady Grove community. Dr. Dudley Jones, the pastor, earnestly requests the Duncan's Creek members and residents of Renno to be present. The friends in other denominations are desired also and will be given a hearty welcome.

OCTOBER MEETING DATE CHANGED

To avoid a conflict with the South Carolina Synod which convenes here on the evening of October 14th, the board of directors decided Thursday to change the October meeting from the second Tuesday to the first. The date of the meeting will therefore be the 7th instead of the 14th.

R. F. BLAKELY WITH FARMERS MER. CO

R. F. Blakely is now connected with the Farmers Mercantile Company of this city as salesman. In his new connection, Mr. Blakely will be glad to have his friends call and to serve them in any way possible.

BYRNES CONCEDES BLEASE'S ELECTION

Issues Statement On Result of Primary. Very Close Totals, the Margin Being 2300 Votes.

Columbia, Sept. 12.—All doubts as to the outcome of Tuesday's nose and neck Democratic primary for the United States senate were removed today when Representative James F. Byrnes, at his home in Aiken, conceded the nomination to former Gov. Cole L. Blease. The margin of the successful candidate, according to latest available returns, was 2,300 out of a total vote of 198,000.

Mr. Blease will become junior senator from South Carolina March 4 next, barring the unforeseen, as nomination by the Democratic party is equivalent to election. He will step into the place now filled by Senator N. B. Dial, who defeated him six years ago and was eliminated in the first primary this year.

His elevation to the highest office within the gift of the people of his state climaxes a political career on the part of Mr. Blease that is unprecedented in South Carolina annals. Beginning in 1888, he has been a candidate for some office every election year since that time, with one exception—in 1920 he did not seek office. Twice before he has sought the senatorial toga, having lost in 1914 to Senator E. D. Smith and in 1918 to Senator Dial.

Mr. Blease was first elected to a state office in 1910 when he became governor. It was his career in the chief executive's office, filled as it was with actions out of the commonplace and marked by unsparing and unceasing criticism on the part of the anti-Blease faction in the state, that made his name known throughout the nation. He served two terms as governor and was defeated when he ran for a third term in 1916. Prior to becoming governor, he had been a member of the house and a state senator from his home county of Newberry and had also served as mayor of Newberry.

Informed that Representative Byrnes had conceded him the victory in their race, the closest statewide contest in this state for many years, the senator-nominee said he would issue a statement later. He could not be located at his office or at home this afternoon, and it was reported that he had gone to Newberry.

From his home in Aiken Mr. Byrnes dictated the following statement over long distance telephone to the Associated Press:

"I have delayed issuing a statement until I could learn the result of the official count in the various counties. That count discloses that a majority of the voters of the state cast their ballots for Mr. Blease. I accept it as correct and cheerfully bow to the decision of the people.

"Instead of permitting my thoughts to dwell upon the methods used to injure my cause in the closing days of the campaign, I shall think only of the loyal friends who so unselfishly and tirelessly labored for my success and to whom I will ever be profoundly grateful."

Walter L. Main Circus Coming to Clinton

Well Known Circus On Its 45th Annual Tour, To Appear Here September 30th.

Charles Bernard, advance agent of Walter L. Main Circus, was in the city yesterday making arrangements for his show which comes to Clinton on Tuesday, September 30, for afternoon and night performances. Mr. Bernard has visited Clinton several times before and for the past thirty years has been connected with the Main Circus. His home is at Savannah, Ga., and during the winter he represents Savannah hotels in securing winter tourists.

The Main Circus is now on its 45th annual tour. Its program this year includes several new features, Mr. Bernard states.

New Store To Open Saturday

Sparks Ten Cent Store, headed by J. C. Sparks, will throw its doors open for business the first time next Saturday morning, an announcement to this effect appearing in today's advertising columns of The Chronicle. Mr. Sparks operates a chain of ten cent stores and recently moved here with his family from Beaufort. He is occupying the store room formerly leased by Whitlock's and promises to operate a store that will prove quite popular with the buying public of this section.

ORPHANAGE GIRLS OFF TO CHICORA

The following Thornwell Orphanage girls left Tuesday morning for the new session at Chicora College: Misses Jaunita and Edith Rucker, Edna and Arline Daniel, Dessie Padgett, Margaret Williams and Ruth McQuiston.

S. C. SECRETARIES GUESTS OF CLINTON

Civic Organizations Here Entertain Commercial Workers With Elegant Luncheon at Clinton Hotel.

The South Carolina Commercial Secretaries, 35 in number, motored over to Clinton last Friday to be the guests of the Commercial, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs at a luncheon given at the Clinton Hotel. The meeting was presided over by J. F. Jacobs, Sr., who in a few appropriate words welcomed the visitors, after which greetings from the Commercial club was brought by its president, Prof. J. H. Witherpoon; from the Kiwanis club by its president, Rev. Edward Long, and from the Rotary club by its president, Dr. S. C. Hays. T. Frank Moffett of Sumter, and J. B. Hunter of Newberry, responded for the guests and spoke in the highest terms of the courtesies and hospitality shown by the Clinton people.

William Lykes, president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, read an interesting paper on "South Carolina's Hydro-Electric Possibilities." The pleasure of the occasion was added to by a number of booster songs led by Bernie Parrott and joined in by the large gathering composed of the visitors and members of the three local organizations.

After the luncheon, the secretaries were carried to Jacobs & Company's plant for an inspection. Later they were given an automobile ride over the city and out to the Bois-Terre country club, returning to Newberry in time for the banquet given in the evening by the Chamber of Commerce of that city in their honor. The dinner was attended by several gentlemen from this city.

HEAVY SCHEDULE FOR HIGH BOYS

Clinton High School Eleven To Meet Several Strong Teams in the Piedmont Section.

The football schedule of the Clinton high school has been announced and is an ambitious one. It comprises eight games, four on the road and the other four at home. The schedule follows:

Friday, Oct. 3—Fountain Inn at Clinton.

Friday, Oct. 17—Thornwell at Clinton.

Thursday, Oct. 23—Honea Path at Honea Path.

Friday, Oct. 31—Laurens at Laurens.

Thursday, Nov. 6—Saluda at Saluda.

Thursday, Nov. 13—Greenwood at Clinton.

Friday, Nov. 21—Woodruff at Woodruff.

Thursday, Nov. 27—Newberry at Clinton.

The following boys are going through daily work-outs as contenders for a place on the high eleven, which is coached by Prof. Jodie H. Hollis:

Line: Addison Neighbors, Odys McIntosh, Carlisle Smith, Claude Trammel, George Moore, Hugh Brown, Lee Hunter, Melvin Bennett, Harry Davis, William McCrary, A. C. Copeland, Edwin Riley, Ben McCrary.

Backfield: Mac Adair, William Adair, William Montjoy, Richard Copeland, William Brooks Owens. Center: Clifton Adair.

DUE WEST MINISTER TO SPEAK SUNDAY

Rev. E. B. Kennedy, D. D., dean of Erskine College at Due West, will occupy the pulpit of the A. R. P. church next Sabbath at both morning and evening services. The public is cordially invited.

There are about 1,750,000,000 people in the world.

FREE PARKING SPACE FOR MER- CHANDISE?

For how long a time are you willing to let merchandise have free parking space on your shelves. This question was recently asked by an efficiency company of Chicago.

Someone has figured out an amusing illustration of turn-over by discussing the automobile parking business. An analysis of figures showed that the amount of space required to park one car cost a certain dealer \$200 a year, including rental and labor and other overhead.

"A car parked here at the rate of 25c a day would bring in only \$91.25 a year. No profit there.

"But this man made \$5,000 or \$6,000 a year. He made it because most cars stayed in the parking space only a few hours and this same parking space was rented five or six times a day.

"In other words, turn-over did the trick. The cars that made the short stay were the ones that made a profit for the owner of the business.

"The goods, Mr. Merchant, which make the shortest stay on your shelves are the ones which bring you profit.

"Can you establish a parking limit on your merchandise? When you receive goods, can you fix a time limit and let the manager of that department know that you expect it to move by that time?"

"Note that the auto man has the advantage over the merchant in one respect. As long as the car remains in the parking space, he can collect the price agreed upon. The longer the merchandise stays in your store, the less chance you have of getting the price you expect to get."

Advertise and move your goods. Then you will not be under the expense of giving them free parking space.

PRESBYTERIANS LOOK PROMISING

High Hopes For Good Eleven At Presbyterian College This Season. To Fill Gaps.

With only a few days of practice passed the outlook is good for a strong fighting team at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina. Those who feared that the loss of much good material would relegate the Blue Stockings to a low position in the state race reckoned without the wonderful fighting spirit which Coach Walter Johnson has always been able to instill into his team. Despite the early season this fighting spirit is already in evidence and there is every indication that the Presbyterians will again make a team fit to remain in the "Big Three" of South Carolina. It will be recalled that last year they won this position by defeating Carolina, losing one to Clemson and Furman.

Some of the men who are here and the positions they are trying for follow: Halfbacks, Warner, a third year man and a great punter; Wilton, a third year man and a good half and quarter; E. Wilson, a second year half; Bailey, a member of last year's freshman team; Clinton, a third year half and one of the most sensational players ever developed here; Moore, a freshman last year; Rhame, also a member of the freshman team of last year.

Fullbacks, Robinson, last year a varsity end, will be shifted to fullback; Kirven, last year the freshman fullback.

Quarterbacks, Copeland, quarterback of the freshman team of last year; Hunter, varsity quarter of last year; Edmunds, a second year man and assistant quarter.

Ends, Bailey, a second year man; Banks, a second year man; Gregg, end on freshman team of last year; R. B. Smith, end on freshman team of last year; R. Walker, varsity half of last year; Carouthers, last year's freshman end.

Tackles, Griffith, last year a freshman tackle and a wonderful player; Bomar, captain of the Blue Stockings, a third year man and one of the best in the state; Martin, last year a varsity man; Ricker, a substitute of last year's varsity, a tackle on last year's freshman team and a good man.

Guards, McLaurin, the big freshman guard of last year; Workman, a second year man; H. L. Smith, a member of last year's freshman team; Berry, a second year man.

Center, Ferguson, a second year man; H. L. McLaurin, a third year man; Montgomery, a member of last year's freshman team; Robinson, a freshman of last year.

Ministers Criticize Y.M.C.A. and Holmes

Chester, Sept. 15.—At a meeting of the Ministerial association of Chester, attended by the pastors of the Presbyterian, A. R. P., Methodist and Baptist churches, the association refused to give its support of a special conference of the Y. M. C. A. on the ground that the organization retains such secretaries as John M. Holmes, the secretary at Greenville, who denies the virgin birth of Christ.

The ministerial association thinks that the evangelistic churches ought to withhold their support, moral and financial, until the Y. M. C. A. can give assurance that it is Christian in its doctrine.

SPOKE IN CHARLOTTE

Dr. Dudley Jones spent the weekend in Charlotte where he preached for the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church of that city, both at the morning and evening services.

COURT CONVENES THIS MONTH

Jurors Drawn for Regular Fall Term of General Sessions Beginning September 29th.

The regular fall term of General Sessions court for this county will convene in Laurens on the morning of Monday, September 29th. This is one week later than expected but is made necessary in order to avoid a conflict in the circuit. Jurors for the week have been drawn.

Two homicide cases are on the docket, that of John O. Powers for the alleged killing of Mac Brown near Watts Mill a few months ago, and the other will be the trial of Willie Johnson, colored, who is charged with killing another negro by the name of McDowell in this county about twenty years ago.

The following is the list of petit jurors drawn the past week:

Laurens—E. O. Anderson, W. F. Coggins, W. B. Brownlee, George N. Franks, E. G. Jessee.

Dials—D. B. Brownlee, C. W. Abercrombie, Ludy H. Abercrombie, J. B. Owings, J. J. Hunter.

Youngs—Charles Barnett, W. P. Patton, R. Z. Garrett, E. M. Riddle.

Scuffletown—P. K. Abercrombie, W. L. Patterson.

Jacks—Geo. E. Copeland.

Hunter—J. I. Copeland, W. E. Crisp, W. C. Oxley, J. I. Coleman, C. A. Moore, L. M. D. Young, J. R. Dilard, P. B. Adair.

Cross Hill—Joe L. Carter, J. M. Wasson, John H. Nance, J. P. Watts.

Waterloo—J. Wofford Anderson, J. N. Jones, E. F. Fuller.

Sullivan—W. Mills Pitts, G. Dewey Wood, L. H. Abercrombie, A. R. Garrett.

MISSIONARY UNION HOLDS MEETING

Annual Session Held At Laurens. Mrs. Edward Long Named As Officer.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Laurens Association was held Friday with the First Baptist church of Laurens. The thirty woman's missionary societies in the association were well represented and twenty-three of these sent in reports, all of which were very good. Of course, since the others are yet to be heard from, a complete financial report cannot be given.

The Young Peoples' organization also made splendid reports. The State W. M. U. president, Mrs. J. D. Chapman, was present at the meeting and not only brought a splendid message, but added so much to the day's program. The association was privileged to have with it three girls from the organization who enter the training school at Louisville this fall. They were Misses Martha Franks, Vera Balwin and Mell George, each of whom made a short talk. A letter was read to the association from their own J. W. Watts and wife, who, with J. W., Jr., represent them in Palestine.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. C. B. Bobo, superintendent; Mrs. J. Will Henderson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Willis Yeargin, superintendent of first division; Mrs. John Hunter, secretary of first division; Mrs. Sloan Mahon, superintendent of second division; Mrs. Guy Smith, secretary of second division; Mrs. Edward Long, superintendent of third division; Mrs. John Little, secretary of third division; Mrs. T. N. Barksdale, mission study chairman; Miss Lucia Barksdale, R. A. leader; Mrs. E. V. Hudson, Y. W. A. and G. A. leader; Mrs. C. H. Roper, Sunbeam leader.

The time and place of meeting for next year was not decided upon.

Few Respond To Democratic Call

The call for funds to assist in defraying the expenses of the national Democratic campaign has found very few responses in Clinton. Last week The Chronicle reported \$6.50 as turned in at the office for this fund, and since that time only one dollar has been added, this coming from one of the community's staunch Democrats, "Uncle Robin" Copeland. As before stated, The Chronicle will be glad to receive contributions for this fund. Send in your subscriptions. Money is badly needed just at this time for the work of the committees.

Stamp Springs Road Now Open

Through the efforts of Mr. R. B. Ferguson of Renno, the road to Stamp Springs has again been opened to travel. He hauled enough timber from the old Calhoun highway bridges to build a fairly good bridge across South Fork between Renno and the spring. This is the first time there has been a bridge across the creek at this point and it will prove quite a convenience to parties going to Stamp Springs for water or camping purposes.

"Ladies Night" In November

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial Club held Tuesday afternoon, it was decided to observe "Ladies Night" in November. The date will be Tuesday evening, November 11th, and the members will have their wives and friends as their guests for this happy occasion which is always looked forward to with unusual interest.

WILL BE SENATOR OF ENTIRE STATE

Bleas Issues Statement Thanking Voters. Offers Services to Democratic Committee.

Columbia, Sept. 16.—Officially declared the Democratic nominee for the United States senate, former Gov. Cole L. Blease today issued his first statement for publication since last Tuesday's primary, in which he defeated Representative James F. Byrnes of the Second district.

Simultaneously with his statement, in which he thanked his supporters and declared his purpose to be the senator of all the people, Mr. Blease made public the contents of a telegram he had dispatched to Clem Shaver, manager of the National Democratic campaign, offering his services in any capacity to further the interests of Davis and Bryan. He also urged Democrats of South Carolina to qualify for the November election in order to pile up a big majority for the National Democratic nominees.

The former governor's lead over Representative Byrnes, as formally certified by the state executive committee, which met here today, was 2,221 votes. Unofficial tabulations since the night of the primary had shown him nominated by about 2,200 votes, but Mr. Blease declined to make any comment upon the outcome until the committee had formally passed upon the returns from the various counties.

The following copy of a telegram sent by the senator-nominee to Clem L. Shaver, chairman of the National Democratic executive committee, was made public here:

"As the nominee of the Democratic party for United States senator from South Carolina, I will be glad to render any service that you may desire in behalf of the candidacy of the Honorable John W. Davis for the presidency and the Honorable Charles W. Byran for the vice presidency.

(Signed) "Cole L. Blease." Mr. Blease's statement to the voters of South Carolina was as follows: "A majority of you having cast your ballots for me in the primary of September 9, I have been declared by our state Democratic executive committee as the nominee of our party for United States senator.

"I take this opportunity and method to thank, from the depth of my heart, each and every one of the men and women of our state who honored me with their ballot. It is almost a matter of impossibility to acknowledge the receipt of the thousands of letters and telegrams which have come to me, and I trust that those who have sent them will accept this statement as an acknowledgement of gratitude on my part to the senders.

"I wish to say to those who saw fit to vote against me in the election, and yet who opposed me fairly and honestly, that I have no ill will toward them and shall endeavor to show them that such is my disposition. I shall even try to forgive and forget those who sought to defeat me by methods which were not fair.

"I am proud of the campaign which I made and the manner in which my friends conducted themselves in their efforts to secure my election. I feel that the result is full reward for that campaign.

"Above all and beyond all, I feel thankful to the God of justice who put it in the hearts of those people to give their endorsement to the efforts of all who joined with me in freeing South Carolina of a partisan political campaign and appeals to factional prejudices. As senator from South Carolina it shall be my purpose to represent the people of my state without regard to past political differences, and I hope to have the co-operation not only of all who were my political friends in the recent campaign, but those who voted against me.

"It now seems that the chances are bright for the success of the Democratic party in the general election, in November, throughout the nation. There is no doubt but that South Carolina will cast its electoral vote for the Democratic nominees, the Honorable John W. Davis and the Honorable Charles W. Bryan. We should make the majority in our state a handsome one, and I urge all of our people to prepare themselves at this time so that they may be able to vote in the November election."

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