

Local News.

Wafar Tea.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will hold their next Wafar Tea at the residence of Mrs. Henry S. Sage on Wednesday next, the 24th, from 4 to 6. Admission 15c.

House For Sale or Rent.

One four-room cottage on lower Pine street. For further information apply at this office or to Mr. J. G. McCaskill at Mr. H. N. Schlotzhoff's.

Position Wanted As Companion.

Position as companion (traveling not objected to) to either gentleman, lady or family. Best of references given. For particulars address "Companion" 439 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

Horse Taken Up.

A dark bay horse, medium size with white hind foot and star in face was taken up at my place about one mile west of Camden 1st Sunday morning, the 14th inst. Owner can get it by proving same and paying all expenses.

W. J. Clark.

Feb. 19, 1904.

Death of Mrs. Jane E. Thomas.

Mrs. Jane E. Thomas, of Clyde, Darlington County, died last Friday, the 7th of her age. Deceased was a most estimable christian woman and has many friends and a number of relatives in Camden, some of whom attended the funeral which took place on Sunday.

Death of Little Iverson Brown.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of little Iverson Brown the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Brown, of the Lafayette Hall, which occurred last Saturday afternoon about sundown. Deceased was twelve years old and her remains were carried to North Carolina for interment.

A Suggestion.

Mr. Editor:—Now that the time has come for us to again select our county officers we wish to suggest Mr. H. W. Hudson as a suitable man for the office of Supervisor. Mr. Hudson is a practical man, knowing the needs of the county and we trust he will not disappoint us. What say you Mr. Hudson?

J. M. B.

To the Voters of Kershaw County.

We, the voters of West Waterce, respectfully request you to join with us in urging ex-Sheriff R. B. Williams to again enter the race for Sheriff in the next election. We have never heard of any complaint against his management of the office or its duties, and we do not think that he was defeated for the office in the last election, as the tabulated returns of the second primary prove, therefore we think it our duty to call upon him to enter the race, believing that with a fair field and a fair count, he will be our next Sheriff, which he certainly deserves to be.

Respectfully,
Voters of West Waterce.

New Announcements.

Mr. D. M. McCaskill is announced in The Chronicle to-day as a candidate for Treasurer. Mr. McCaskill is a young man who has made a good record for himself, and if elected will fill the office well.

Mr. W. W. Huckabee announces himself as a candidate for Sheriff. Mr. Huckabee is well-known to many of the voters and is one of our very best citizens.

Mr. W. F. Malone is announced for Treasurer. Mr. Malone is no stranger to the people of the county, he having for many years held the position of book-keeper for Mr. A. D. Kennedy. In all callings of life Mr. Malone has proven himself absolutely true, and if elected Kershaw county will have a most excellent Treasurer.

Have you registered for the city primary?

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. D. Trantham went to Boston yesterday on professional business.

Prof. L. T. Mills, of Columbia, paid us a pleasant call Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Sidney Smith has signed an agreement to play ball with Charleston the coming season.

Our excellent Clerk of Court, Mr. Joel Hough, left last Monday for Mobile, Ala., on a visit to Mr. L. N. Brown and family.

Mrs. M. A. Niles and Master Lawrence McDowell left last Tuesday night for a visit to relatives at Jacksonville, Fla.

That highly esteemed and very staunch citizen, Capt. Moody Hough or Timrod, father of Treasurer W. R. Hough, paid our office a pleasant visit this week.

Mr. Julian M. Isaacs, of New York city, is spending several weeks with his aunt, Mrs. Maness Baum. Mr. Isaacs is a son of Hon. M. S. Isaacs.

Mr. W. R. Gardner, superintendent of the State farm at Huger, paid The Chronicle office a pleasant visit on Wednesday. This is Mr. Gardner's fifth year at the State farm and he proved to be the right man for the job.

For Mayor.

Mr. Charles P. Rossignol Will Make The Race.

Camden, S. C., Feb. 18, '04.

Mr. Editor:—In your issue of the 12th inst. my name is brought prominently forward by "Many Voters" in connection with the "Mayoralty" contest. First I appreciate the compliment conferred by a number of my fellow citizens, and secondly, I am glad to be noted between the following lines.

Reading as I do "that public office is public trust" and that a large number of my fellow citizens hold the same views that I do in regard to municipal management, in so far as all matters pertaining to city government, etc., should emanate from the "City Council" and that our fellow citizens should not be dominated by a subordinate, and that all classes of our citizen should be served out of the same "Legal Spoon" without favor or affection, and feeling free to say that in the event of my election, I go into office unpledged to any aspirant, the unkind and untruthful assertions of others to the contrary notwithstanding, "I will make the race" but only on the following lines.

FIRST THE HEALTH of our city being paramount to any other consideration I would, aided by council and a competent physician, examine into every detail of our sanitary condition, and such steps should be taken as would correct as far as possible existing evils. Under this head would come a proper "sewage or drainage system," a plumbing inspector and plumbing legislation, and the closing up of all cess pools, as well as wells with decayed curbs, and the establishment of hydrants in certain sections of the city, whereas our citizens, who are not blessed with all of the comforts and conveniences of a Rockefeller, Morgan or Gould, could obtain pure drinking water for their little families at the expense of the city, our streets, yards and byways should be kept clean, by the introduction of the scavenger cart, at stated periods and all ditches which form the important drainage should be kept clear of all foreign matter, as well as decayed vegetation.

OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT should be more thoroughly equipped than at present, and daily patrol duty with a proper increase of the force should be extended to every quarter of the city. The men should be fittingly compensated for the duties they have to perform, and preference should go by seniority and competency.

"OUR FIRE LADDIES" should be given every facility to discharge in a competent manner the arduous duties they have undertaken. I should advocate the establishment of a rest house in the vicinity of the Episcopal church, and the keeping on duty at all times suitable persons to handle the machines. At night particularly, at least three members of each company with the drivers should remain in the Reel House, and should keep a watch constantly on the lookout, that at the earliest moment an alarm could be responded to. I would suggest suitable compensation for such service. Without some systematic system of "Fire Alarm" our Department is a nonentity. I would suggest the introduction of the Gamewell.

CONFORMATION A TOWNY should be chosen from our citizens and among his first duties would be the codifying of our laws, that our citizens might become acquainted with what has been done in the "Star Chamber" in the past, other duties would be assigned him by council, when his services were needed.

CITY CONTRACTS. No employee or officer of the city should be permitted to enter into any contract with the city. Such emoluments are the property of those not in office. Corporation work should at all times be given to citizens of Camden, and no foreign element should be considered. All supplies should be bought from or through our city dealers.

FINANCES should be controlled by a majority of council, no expenditures should be made, not in the interest of the city's advancement.

OUR MILITARY should be carefully nurtured by the city and every encouragement should be offered them to become proficient, and as protectors of our lives and property in times of need. We should remember to aid them to the extent of our jurisdiction in all matters tending to the building up of their organization.

"MR. WORKMAN."—To my friends of forty years whose station should be the same in every community. I can but say, under the regime wherein you live, you have not that showing which you should have, you are brought in competition with paper labor and in the major portion of instances you cannot get fair remuneration for your services. Proper legislation and a judicious awarding of work will tend to place you on a fair footing, and enable you to care better for your charges. Workmen should be carefully looked after by our people. A better and more responsive feeling of confidence should obtain and the brawn of Camden should be made to feel that they were at least an integral part of the community. Study well the position of your city, and aid by your privilege and influence that which you feel in your heart will help Camden and thereby help you. Beware of the Ward Healer, he is the foster brother of the Parasite.

ALSO, we are the representatives of their respective wards, and their interests of the goods of their people should at all times be respectfully heard by council. All city business should be transacted by administrative committees, who would direct the heads of the several departments in the discharge of their duty.

Public Squares should be improved and beautified, as recreation grounds for our people, the internal appearance of a city is her advertisement abroad. They should not be left desert pine groves at which we point in disgust.

OPENING STREETS. Too much land in the heart of the city is now used for farming purposes. Much of this could be reclaimed into city lots, by proper legislation, and great advancement made in the density of our population, and the increasing of our city revenues, as well as the condition of our people by encouraging the erection of suitable dwellings thereon.

CLASS LEGISLATION. No specific tax should be paid by any citizen for doing business unless all conform to the same rule. Specific taxes should be paid as a protection to our trader, interest and the greater development of the city.

CITY'S MONEY should be kept on the move. No municipal corporation has a right to impose taxes when they are carrying over a surplus from year to year. A Council arrogating to itself the right to do a "Banking Business" has assumed that which is contrary to all common sense or reason.

CITY ENGINEER. A competent man at a nominal salary should be appointed for the purpose of giving grade as well as lot and street lines, and no fences or drains should be put in without his approval.

WATER BRIDGE. I would advocate some plan with the co-operation of our Trades bodies and the citizens of the county whereby this "Toll Bridge," one of the greatest menaces to our present prosperity, would be reduced to a "Free Bridge" thereby throwing much business in the city which is now deflected on account of this arbitrary tax.

WATER RATES. Heartily co-operating with our Trades bodies, I would advocate anything looking to cheap rates. With proper leverage behind the effort there is no reason why Camden cannot, with her natural and artificial advantages, take her place as one of the competitive Trade cities of South Carolina. If my co-operation with the commercial bodies of Camden would aid them in any of their moves looking to the up building of Camden they would find me their fast friend.

COUNCIL MEETINGS. Citizens of Camden should be permitted to attend all regular or special meetings of Council, the creature should never arrogate to itself a superiority to the creator. This is a government of the people, for the people and by the people. All proceedings of council should be published in our papers, that our people might know what the City Fathers are doing.

THE POLITICAL PARASITE. This atom is not a germ nor can it be classed with the microbes or does "it" belong to the bacteria spruces, but is the direct descendant of the foetal offspring of the stunk, a number of communities suffer from this class of vermin, who with their insignificant little small bodies, glou like enter the most sacred portals of the grave to feed their insatiable appetites. Their only aim being to besmeer others with the rottenness of their character, and to belittle, everything and everybody thinking contrary to them. They are so slony that it is almost next to impossible to get them absolutely located, and until a community is thoroughly fumigated it is impossible to get rid of this carrion conveyor. It feeds only on noxious vapors, vituperation, and billingsgate. It is such a stench in the nostrils of all honest men, that heroic measures will have to be adopted to purify the ambient atmosphere.

COMPARATIVE STRANGERS. It happens sometimes that these people are better friends to a community than some of the scabs on the body politic. If our men of means would encourage and foster such things as would create work at remunerative wages for our people, and not content themselves with keeping all their "little dreaming" that others suffer, and never reflecting "as you mete it out to others so shall it be meted unto you" then Camden might become an "Arabia Felix" and all would be well.

CONCLUSION. If the foregoing views meet with the hearty response of my fellow-citizens at the ballot box and I am the chosen driver of the "Camden Van" I assure them that the wagon will never stop at the "slough of dispond" but will surmount every obstruction as presented, and at the expiration of my term, aided by a harmonious board of Aldermen I will turn over to our people re-created Camden, which will have been run solely in the interest of all citizens, and not dominated by arrogant individualism.

Respectfully,
CHAS. P. ROSSIGNOL

Washington's Birthday.

This national holiday will, as usual, be observed by the public schools of Camden with appropriate exercises in the various rooms. As Monday, the 22nd, is a holiday, these exercises will be held on Friday, the 19th, beginning at 1 p. m. The Timrod Literary Society will have an interesting program in honor of Washington, at the High School, of a similar character to that on Lee's Birthday. The debate will be on the resolution, "That Washington is justly regarded, at home and abroad, as the foremost American and the peer of the world's greatest men." Visitors are always welcomed at society meetings.

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The largest and best assorted line of Neckwear ever shown here, at popular prices. In fact we have everything for Men and Boys from socks to suits at prices that will please. We will take pleasure in showing you.

W. H. ZEMP,

The Shoe & Clothing Man

For want of space we regret that a good deal of matter, some of which is already in type, is crowded out this week

Announcements.

COUNTY OFFICES.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary election.

Jan. L. Haile.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Kershaw County subject to the rules of the Democratic primary election.

W. W. Huckabee.

FOR TREASURER.

Mr. Editor. Please announce the name of D. M. McCASKILL as a candidate for County Treasurer. He being a young man of ability and character, we feel sure that if elected the public's interest will not suffer at his hands. He is a practical business man such as the office needs and will fill the place to the entire satisfaction of all.

All Kershaw.

CITY OFFICES.

FOR MAYOR.

As the time has arrived for the selection of the best men to govern our city for the ensuing two years we hereby announce Mr. J. G. CARRISON as a candidate for Mayor, and feel confident that with him at the helm our city will move onward to prosperity and progress, which we all so much desire.

Taxpayers.

We the voters of Ward 8 hereby announce the name of Mr. W. GEISENHEIMER as a suitable man to represent us in said Ward. Many Voters.

We hereby announce Mr. P. T. VILLEPIGUE as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 4.

We hereby announce Dr. W. J. DUNN as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 3.

Mr. S. B. LATHAN is hereby announced as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 9.

We hereby announce Mr. JOHN WILSON as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 1.

We hereby announce Mr. JOHN A. SINGLETON as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 1.

Mr. L. L. BLOCK is hereby announced as a candidate for Alderman for the City of Camden from Ward 2.

Many Voters.

Mr. J. E. VAUGHAN is hereby announced as a candidate for Alderman from Ward 8 in the approaching city primary.

Many Voters.

Letter to Mathis & Lewis.

Dear Sirs: Would you rather your customers speak of your shoes as wearing well, as not running down at the heel, as turning water, and taking a shine; or wag their heads and say nothing?

We'd rather have ours, at long intervals, say: "We want some more palat, and we want Devoe." We know it isn't in human nature to paint very often; we don't expect them to come very often; don't want 'em to. All we want is to paint what they have to paint, whenever they paint it; the longer the time, the surer they are to come back. There's business enough in the world; there are houses enough to paint; let them take their time.

If we were a shoemaker, we'd make shoes to last half a lifetime, and shoe the whole town.

Yours truly,
F. W. Devoe & Co.,
New York.
P. S. Springs & Shannon sell our paint.

Tax Returns For 1904.

Office of County Auditor
Kershaw County
Camden, S. C., Nov. 31, '03

Notice is hereby given that the Auditor's office for receiving State and County tax returns will be open from January 1st, 1904, to February 24th, 1904 (Sundays excepted).

The dates of the appointments at which time the Auditor or his deputy will visit the usual places in the county for receiving returns are given below:

- Beaufort, January 4.
- Raley's Mill, January 6.
- Kirkley's Store, January 6.
- Kershaw, January 7.
- Westville, January 8.
- Russell Place, January 9.
- Liberty Hill, January 11.
- Caney, January 12.
- Babon's X Roads, January 13.
- Lingoif, January 14.
- Blaney, January 15.
- Antloch, January 16.
- Kalb, January 18.
- Boykin, January 19.
- Buffalo School House Feb. 19.

IMPORTANT.

It is important that taxpayers in making their returns, be careful to state the school district—whether new or old—in which they reside at the time of making returns. Also to state if it is the same district as when last return was made.

WHO SHOULD MAKE RETURNS.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property either as agent, band, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, &c., return the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty, which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

HOW AND WHAT TO RETURN.

Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each party for the township the property is in, and where the taxpayer owns realty insert the postoffice as their place of residence, and those who only own personal property to give the party's name who owns the land they live on, and in such and every case to name the No. of School District the property is in.

All personal and real property owned on the 1st day of January, 1904, must be returned for taxation, and all changes of transfers of real estate noted.

In order to avoid confusion, partitioning returns should state number of acres of land owned at time of making last return in columns marked "Real Property." Any real estate acquired or transferred since last return should be entered in columns for that purpose giving name of party or parties from whom bought or to whom sold.

All new buildings should be returned as "Real Property" acquired since last return.

INCOME TAX.

Under the recent Act of the Legislature all persons having a gross income of Twenty-five Hundred Dollars or more are required to make a return of the same to the Auditor at the time of making their other returns.

THE POLL TAX.

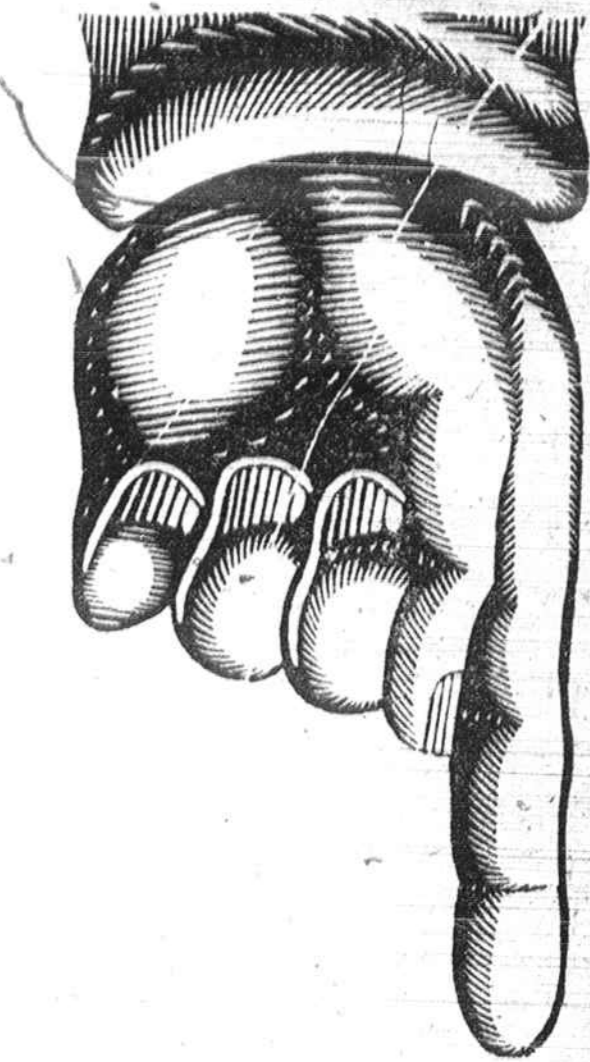
The new Constitution which went in to full operation after the 31st of December, 1895, provides for a poll tax of One Dollar upon all citizens of this State between the ages of Twenty-One and Sixty years excepting Confederate soldiers above the age of Fifty years. Parties making returns for the fiscal year 1904 will bear in mind this Constitutional provision and govern themselves accordingly.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February, next, and cannot be returned after that date as the other work of this office must go on. All returns made after the 20th of February are subject to the 50 per cent. penalty.

All returns sent by mail must be made out on proper blanks and sworn to by some proper officer qualified to administer said oath. Otherwise they will not be accepted at this office as returns.

The County Board of Equalization will meet at the office of the County Auditor on the 1st Tuesday of March, 1904, for the purpose of equalizing property, hearing complaints and protests.

P. T. VILLEPIGUE,
Auditor Kershaw Co.



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This is the season that every wide-awake and up-to-date planter is trying to decide what kinds of fertilizers to use on his farm—what particular kinds will bring best results, produce best results, &c., &c. To this we can say that there is no better way of judging of the future than by the past, and we take great pleasure in saying that we are agents for the celebrated ROYSTER FERTILIZERS.

We handle also German Kanits Nitrate of Soda and Murate of Potash the last named, fresh from South America, all of which we sell very low for cash or on approved security. We confidently recommend the above fertilizers to our farmer friends to be such as will produce the very best results, and cordially invite them to call and get our prices before placing their orders.

We are also headquarters for all plantation Supplies, including wagons and shall endeavor to make it to your interest to find us.

Thanking you for past favors, and wishing for all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are

Respectfully And Truly,

The Famous Gilt Edge Store,

P. T. Villepigue, Prop't.