THREE THOUSAND PEOPLE GREETED CAMPAIGN PARTY

Visitors From Many Counties Here Forming Largest Crowd Seen in Camden In Years.

(By A. L. Geisenheimer.)

Watched closely by special policemen, greedy for political combat and forming one of the greatest crowds ever assembled in Camden on such an occasion, three thousand enthuslastic but orderly people listened to the state campaigners on Monumental Square here Monday.

Only one small disturbance occurred, and in this a man from neighboring county was no doubt thoroughly convinced by one of camden's most highly esteemed citzens, that cursing in the presence of ladies was a thing not to be al- but for comparative rates.

Nothing Startling

It can hardly be said that there were any startling developments orm that has characterized them during the entire campaign. Both teacher in the rura shools eight devernor Blease and Judge Jones years, from which he had sent out were received with hearty applause and prolonged cheers, though the growd favoring the present gover-nor was more demonstrative. There can be little doubt that the hand amajority in his favor, but it claimed by supporters of Jones hat the numbers were swelled by isitors from adjoining counties.

When the meeting began the andidates for governor were et on the stand and when they reat demonstration. In fact, when ng was so wild that the speech hen in progress had to be disconinued until the enthusiasm sub-

At the end of his speech the amid deafening cheers,

at he would be proud of it.

James Cansler, of Tirzah, Cansler, of Tirzah

Cansler spoke of the campaign as the "state honeymoon," and of himself as the desert of the meeting.

Col. J. H. Wharton. He said that whenever he came first lively day, might be expected. spoke of the fact that two years ago the people of Kershaw had given him more votes than to the three other candidates for the same office. From this he drew shaw is concerned he would now that he stands for most efficient service for the people, which, he considers, embraces all' things; that he never had and never expected to receive a favor from anyone; that he would not accept railroad passes, and, that if elected, would receive absolutely nothing except

Cansler's claims are that he will give dividend on every gold dollar invested by the railroads sufficient to encourage the building of every necessary new road. He is not, he said, so much in favor of low rates contention for a two-cent flat rate, he claims, is his platform stolen by the others, with but one difference and that is that he does not want the two cent flat rate if the here Monday. The speeches of the railroads are not able to sttand it, various candidates took the usual while the others favor it in any

> two ministers; a greater good, he boasted, than Blease, or Jones have ever done for South Carolina.

Cansler said he was willing acknowledge that Richards, as the primary called for by Blease show- latter claims, has done six times as much work in one year as Watson did in six, but that as Watson had done nothing the claims of Richards were by no means enor-

John G. Richards When John G. Richards, second ade their appearance there was speaker for railroad commissioner, rose, cheers went forth from the assembled on Monumental Square. Considered in its fullest sense,

said Major Richards, "the dearest word to man is home. I am at home. Twenty-two miles north here in a little house nestling in the hills of the village of Liberty as presented with a floral tribute Hill, I first saw life. Since that Miss Teressa Hough, daughter time I have lived with the proud, no Senator W. R. Hough, of this ble, and generous people of Ker-

byers, of Darlington.

During the course of his speech twenty years, the people of Kershaw had bestowed on him everything within their power, never having forced him into a second race, of how they had supported him for county cast their votes in factors.

He spoke with feeling of how, for twenty years, the people of Kershaw demn or hound them down that if they can accomplish if feat by lies they will do it.

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at he was from the common peo- ernor, in the hands of the people. , but that if he were an aristo- In this connection he told of the immense power and control of the Along Same Lines.. railroad commission, and of the The speech of B. Evans can-importance of having the freight date for attorney general, was, and express rates reduced to what

usion of Evans's speech to refute the rates reduced on goods from the e charges uttered against him. mills in upper South Carolina, via The meeting was opened shortly Charleston, so that they might be fore 11 o'clock by Chairman T. stored there and shipped to the Kirkland, who took opportunity parts of the world, and how, tho' say to the voters that the re-opposed by distinguished attorneys, it to the effect that they would their purpose had, at least to a denied the privilege of cheering partial extent, been accomplished.

Is false. He said that it was He said further that the commission of the commissi As false. He said that it was so of which he was a member had at the mayor had employed spegiven to South Carolina a reduction at the mayor had employed spegiven to South Carolina a reduction of from 15 to 20 per cent; the lowest she had ever enjoyed; that lowest she had ever enjoyed; that the mayor had employed spegiven to South Carolina a reduction who he might be.

J. R. Earle.

flat rate and not only the acceptanc the accepttance also of interchangthat he was not fighting the cor-

of his time. Col. Wharton caused considerable laughter when spoke of his fine run when last in Camden Sherman at that time be his conclusion that as far as Kering behind him. He said if there tack shaw is concerned he would now was anyone in Kershaw county who erail be railroad commissioner. He said did not expect to vote for Richards face the object of his wrath on the he would appreciate that vote.

Hon, J. Frasier Lyon. The first speaker for attorney general was the Hon. J. Frasier Lyon, who, upon rising, was well received by the crowd.

He expressed his delight in appearing once more before a Ker-shaw audience and thanked them things were not as they should be, that he would prosecute all against whom evidence would permit. This, he said, he has done. As a result of which, one man was placed in the penitentiary for five years, another plead guilty and paid a fine to Richland county, and two others forfeited bail in Chester.

"which he is not man enough to refute himself." He said further that the people were being hoodwinked and that if elected he would catch the "grandest bunch of kid-gloved thieves ever caged, and that he would land the present attrorney general in stripes before a Richland county jury. forfeited bail in Chester.

As a result of graft collected by the Murray winding up commission Lyons said that \$400,000 had been turned into the state treasury and that possibly \$100,000 more could be devoted to the education of chil-

"I have no apology to offer," Lyons, "no excuse to make." claims that today more than \$120,000 is turned into the state

appeal to the great bankers and insurance companies of the North, held it. which he expects to result in the lightening of the burdens of the

Lyons said that his three opponents had offered no good reason allowed to continue, McLaurin told why they should be elected and of his record as a man, a soldier, Shortly afterward he was shaw county. I am proud to call of Darlington.

He spoke with terms of this ble, and generous people of Kerbert and a legislator, and promised faither the state of the turned out, that they stated no and a legislator, and promised faither than the state of the state

his purpose to hound down his fellow man, and that he was without prejudice or abuse for his opponents. He promised that if elected date for attorney general, was, and express rates reduced to what be usual, filled with bitter invective they should be.

He promised that if elected these Blease challenged Jones and who had made him all and had votation and file them with the office of attorney general would be for Haskell. In this connection or that he had ever attacked them and file them with the called him a Judas in any way whatever, and branded the latter, taking advantage of his and the two other members of the law and that appointive offices within his power would go to the usion of Evans's speech to refute the rates reduced on goods from the law and had not on the serious days ago, that if the Columbia State the governor, "this great saint, state and that the reduced to what the office of attorney general would the office of attorney gen

> He spoke of having introduced a resolution in the legilature a-gainst the teaching of white people from the State office in Columbia. in negro schools, and is opposed to This communication he described in white people being taxed for . the detail: "Inside," said the governor, education of the negro. He said

rect primary and of having been crit from the following of the governor. gro legislator from Beaufort against able mileage. Major Richards said money which have been expended, loving newspaper. and said that when nothing had porations, but that whenever it was been brought out by this committee a question between the corporation he had voted with a senator from

Earle read from the House Jour-Col. J. H. Wharton.

Col. J. H. Wharton, of Laurens, general's accounts and attacked him was the last speaker for railroad vehemently on that score saying he vehemently on that score saying he commissioner. He took very little disapproved of the payment of barber, shoe shining bills and the like from public funds.

Barney Evans. B. B. Evans was bitter in his attack on the present attorney genplatform in order, apparently,

Among other things he called Ly-

impress his charges on him.

ons J. Fraud Lyons, and heaped on him various epithets no more complimentary. Evans re-iterated the charge that the money of the school children had been plundered. He produced, and read in parts, a letshaw audience and thanked them for their former support. Spoke of his record in the legislature and of his promise, when the old dispensary investigation showed that of his promise, when the old dis-pensary investigation showed that "which he is not man enough to

> a Richland county jury. Couldn't Insult Yellow Dog.
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> Lyons, availing himself of his privilege, rose to answer the charge of Evans. He said that a man like Evans couldn't insult him, that he couldn't insult yellow Dog.
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> Set through with him on the 27th phone thru Charlie up to Pa on the supreme bench." "When Pa got thru being judge," said the filthlest wave of political margin and the supreme bench." "Charlie got thru being the filthlest wave of political margin and attorney."

Carter and McLaurin.

The two candidates for state treastreasury, and that this will remain urer, S. T. Carter and T. W. Mca law as long as the legislature al- Laurin, were next to speak. Carlows it to remain as it now stands. ter told of his experience in the dovernor Blease was seen by the throats of practically everyone of tant task of refunding the state of in detail the workings of the mg was so wild that the speech ty assembled on Monumental Square indebtedness and of his personal office and the enormous responsibility which rested on the man who McLaurin was forced for several minutes to discontinue his tremendous was the cheering. When

"You will find an article by U. R. Brooks." "We done read it," interrupted one of the audience.
The Governor continued "further

The speaker favored a two-cent felsed for certain votes in regard Blease sneered at the idea of Jones to the dispensary investigation. not knowing that he was getting asof mileage books on the trains but He attacked the investigation com- sistance from what he (Blease) mittees for the great amounts of termed a "Negro, Spanish, nigger-

"If you elect Ira B. Jones governor," said Blease, "he will be governor in name only and Gonzales will be governor in fact and furnish the brain."

In regard to the fact that Judge Jones in a speech at Heath Springs had refrained from making any attack on him on account of his absence, Blease said that he was glad that he had taught the judge some manners, claiming that he had gone over the entire state hitherto attacking him under similar conditions In this connection he described the judge as a man set up on a pin-nacle of aristocracy and morality as an angel, and yet he, he said had to teach him manners. The governor further said, "The people of South Carolina will teach him a lesson on August 27th and send him to the political graveyard in Lancaster.

"If my good old friend Pink Cas-key should die or resign ,said Goyernor Blease, I would appoint old man Jones just to help his family this because he liked some of the never had but one case in the su-Judge's family, and so would break preme court, the governor said his rule to give only his friends of- "Nobody has ever accused Charlie fice on that account. He referred to the accusation by Jones in his his charge made on otther stumps speeches in Sumter and Hampton that the Southern railroad had at that Blease and the Bleasites were one time appointed the Judges son anarchists, and sajd that when they

couldn't even insult a yelow dog. chination ever formed in South Car-He told of his expenditure of mosaid ney for assistants and explained va-rious accounts in the running of his and Watson were ejected from the a decision by Judge Jones which He spoke of his continued efforts in the courts until it was finally decided in his favor that the tax he desired on corporations was constitutional. As a result of this constitutional. As a result of this court with the court of the court tian he should have been at pealed to the supreme court of the home on that Sunday afternoon United States, and it was decided singing Psalms.

Jones as dirtier a traitor as ever

him with having deserted the Tillman cause, compared him with Judas Iscariot. He said that in 1890 Jones got on Tillman's coat tail finish my speech and if you and ran for the legislature, that prove that you are a gentleme and ran for the legislature, that prove that you are a gentleman I the reason that he had not stayed will answer your question. I don't several minutes to discontinue his there was not that he had fallen propose to take up my time with the the stand, so great and off but that Tillman had knocked cheap Jones hirelings to keep me him off, unwilling to allow himself from giving him the devil. allowed to continue, McLaurin told to be contaminated by a man who was willing to allow the blacks and on Jone's ancestry. In regard to whites to live on terms of social this he spoke in part as follows: equality. He drew at length a "Jones says Colleton is his home, shortly atterward he was shaw county. I am proud to call them my home people."

He spoke with feeling of how, for the through the property of picture of how Gonzales had taken but I have never got him to submit affidavits which he had in on his knees and said, From this wouldn't give him a chance to do hand and requested the other candidates for governor to do likewise.

When he had finished reading that Jones had sold out the men ly that he had ever gaid that the these Blease challenged Jones and who had made him all and had votThe sold similar officiality of the Harkell In this connection on the had ever attacked them

he said he intended to do.

He said that Jones told, a few days ago, that if the Columbia State was supporting him he did 'not know it. At this juncture the governor, "this great saint, whem I had to learn to be a gen-them after thirty times. They ernor produced a letter sent out from the State office in Columbia. This communication he described in detail: "Inside," said the governor, iest record ever made in the legis-not fit as a "dirty lie." He said that he had made friends among the Jews in Newberry and all over the state and that the report was an old political gag to fool them into voting against him.

The next tirade of the governor was against the newspapers. "They have published," he said, "slime detail: "Inside," said the governor, lest record ever made in the legislest record ever made in the legis-lature by voting to make wives, sis-and yet they have sent it into your ters, and sweethearts associate with homes. Newspapers that will atoop eir right as citizens to cheer and sion of which he was a member had at the mayor had employed specificers simply to prevent an of from 15 to 20 per cent; the lowest she had ever enjoyed; that which had secured the lowest expected to do in this direction below. The said that it was he said that it was a member had ize, be fair and fearless and prosecute the criminal regardless of who he might be.

The Governor continued "further on his social equality attack on lina." Here again he entered on you will find 'Speech of Judge Jones at Columbia,' in another place you will find, 'Part of Governor Blease's the editor of the Columbia State.

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J. R. Earle.

J. R. Earle next speaker for the office of attorney general, spoke at length on having been instrumental in bringing about the present direction on his record brought forth great applause was the first tto vote with he ne
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separate coaches, and that for five years straight running, every time he had a chance, he voted the same way, "He will tell you," said the governor, "that it was unconstitu-"I challenge him," he contional." tinued, "to show where the constitution of 1895 differs from that of 1886 as far as the passing of a separate coach bill is concerned. He maintained that while making this record Jones had carried a free pass in his pocket as an excuse for which he said the Judge claimed that the railroads had bamboozled "I'd be ashamed to admit him. it," said the governor

"Corporation Jones will tell you," he said, "that he has never represented a railroad in his life."

"Why?" continued the governor, Because they want a first class man and never hired a second rater in their lives." The speaker claimed further against the legal ability of Judge Jones that when in 1892 the papers twitted Ben Tillman for not having good judges that the latter replied that he had to take the riff raff because the good ones wouldn't have it.

The governor next launched forth his attack on Judge Jones's son, "Charlie." Maintaining that the He said that he would do Judge had said that his son had of being a lawyer." He repeated "so that Ben Abney could megarailroad attorney.

Often during his speech Blease referred to Jones as "Corporation a decision by Judge Jones which that Corporation Jones was wrong He said that he would prove and the desired relief was given.

At this juncture Blease was askwas Benedict Arnold and, charging ed by J. L. Guy: "Why did you cast your vote for Jones after you knew all these things?" in reply the governor said, "Wait until

The governor's next attack was

THIS IS THE PATRONIZED GUY **WHO** MAIL ORDER ESTABLISHMENTS











