

PALMETTO POLITICS

What Some of Them Stand For And Why They Stand With.

Columbia, Jan. 5.—The advent of the second session of the Seventy-second General Assembly has revived discussion of the probable political situation next summer.

Political prophecy is always dangerous; at no time more so than at the present. The great war in which America is engaged is rapidly upturning former standards, and those of this state are passing through the leaving process. However, one incontrovertible premise may be laid down. No one opposed to this war or to the administration in its efforts toward a victorious conclusion of this war need offer for political preferment in South Carolina with hope of

success. Each politician has to reckon with one factor; perhaps before the next campaign the American troops in France will have offered valorous and heroic fight to the Germans, and out of such engagement there might have arisen a South Carolinian, exalted by daring and sacrifice, incapacitated by injury for further service. Should he come back to his home State and offer for election to almost any office, there is little chance for him being defeated by the "stay-at-homes." Out of this arises a prediction. The soldiers fighting the battles of democracy on Europe's ensanguined fields will be the future rulers of the United States, South Carolina among them. The politicians of the present may as well prepare themselves for the overturning of their order.

No man in South Carolina at the

present time offering for office can predict his election a year from now; but the relative strength of candidates, announced and prospective, at this time can be fairly accurately gauged.

Cole L. Blease, who has announced definitely for the United States Senate, is not as strong as he was when he ran for governor in 1916, and was defeated. However, he is not "dead" by any means, as some would perform believe. He is alive enough to be in a second race should the primary be held at this time. Either Senator Tillman, who, it seems assured will run if his health permits, or Congressman A. F. Lever, who will undoubtedly be in the race if the senior senator does not make it, an defeat the titular leader of the so-called "reform party." The ex-governor's speeches at Pomaria and Gilbert estranged some of his most powerful lieutenants and consequently weakened him with the rank and file of the minority faction.

Col. Nat B. Dial, of Laurens, is definitely announced for the senatorial toga, and he has considerable strength. Although the Laurens man has entered the race as a non-partisan candidate, yet he can be aligned with the anti-Blease faction. He assuredly will make a strong fight against Senator Tillman, should the senior senator run. Col. Dial will undoubtedly get all the intensely bitter anti-Tillmanites or the '00's who will not vote for Tillman and who are as strongly opposed to Blease. This vote, along with a considerable personal following, will make him a formidable candidate.

Among those who have been suggested as other possible candidates, but who have made no announcement, are: R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston; L. D. Jennings, of Sumter; W. P. Pollock of Cheraw and Dr. George R. Cromer, of Newberry. Latterly, however, Dr. Cromer's name has been repeatedly mentioned as a candidate to oppose Congressman Fred H. Doolittle, of the Third District. It has been said that the perennial candidate, John T. Duncan, of Columbia, will announce for the senate instead of governor this year.

There are five candidates definitely announced for governor and two in perspective. Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, stated some time ago that he will make the race, and he stands the best chance of being elected, although Lieut. Governor A. J. Bethea has gained strength and is looming up. These two men are strongly anti-Blease, and one of them will go into the second race with a Blease candidate. Attorney General Thomas H. Peoples and W. A. Stuckey, of Bishopville, have been aligned with the Blease faction, are the only ones of that faction so far definitely announced for governor, but Major John G. Richards, chairman of the State Railroad Commission, will undoubtedly be in the race, and strong pressure is being made on John L. McLaurin, of Bennettsville, former United States Senator, by his friends in Anderson county to enter the contest. It is expected that he will offer. John Madison DesChamps, of Columbia, who can be classed as anti-Blease, has definitely entered the race. Mr. DesChamps was in the race for governor in 1916.

Of the Blease candidates so far announced, Attorney General Peoples apparently has the edge on the other so-called "reformers." If the primary were held now he undoubtedly would go into the second contest with an anti-Blease man. Mr. Stuckey, however, will make a strong race; he has announced that he will pitch his campaign as the leader of the agricultural and labor elements of the State. He promises to make the fight interesting, he asserts. John G. Richards, so far unannounced, is the choice of some of the leaders of the Blease faction and they will undoubtedly prevail on him to make the race, and will endeavor to make him the standard-bearer of the self-styled "reformers." John L. McLaurin, say politicians who are studying the situation is gaining ground in the Piedmont section, particularly since Lowndes L. Browning, of Union, who himself was a candidate for governor in 1914, has endorsed him.

Proctor Bonham, Senator from Greenville County, some months ago was spoken of as a possible gubernatorial candidate, but lately this talk has subsided. Should Senator Bonham enter the race, it will offer complications for the others as he is not only extremely popular in the Piedmont section of the state, where he served a number of years as solicitor of the Thirteenth Judicial circuit, but is a stump speaker of experience, ability and magnetism, and he would draw votes from both political factions.

Claude N. Sapp, assistant Attorney General a Blease partisan, has announced to succeed Thomas H. Peoples as Attorney General. Robinson P. Searson, a member of the House from Barnwell County, who has been opposed to the minority side of the political fence, but not an extreme fac-

tionalist, also has announced. It is understood that Sam M. Wolf, formerly a member of the House from Anderson county, will make the race. The name of Samuel T. Lanham, master of Spartanburg County, also has been prominently mentioned for Attorney General.

George W. Wightman, of Saluda, who was defeated last year by William Banks Dove for Secretary of State, has announced for the same office next year.

Edward C. Elmore, formerly chief clerk for the Comptroller General has announced that he will oppose Comptroller General Carlton W. Sawyer next year.

Julius T. Liles, of Orangeburg, chairman of the ways and means committee of the House, has made a conditional announcement for Lieut. Governor. It is understood that Dr. C. L. Adams, of Columbia, who unsuccessfully opposed the re-election of Lieut. Governor A. J. Bethea last year, again will make the race.

Mississippi Mob Lynches Negro.

Hazlehurst, Miss., Jan. 17.—A mob of several hundred citizens of Hazlehurst headed, it is said, by the father of Miss Vera Willys, who was murdered near here late Tuesday, took Slim Edwards, a negro, from the county Jail early this morning and burned him. Mr. Willys, according to the county officers, asked the privilege of pouring on the negro the oil which was used to burn him. The lynching took place west of Hazlehurst, near the scene of the murder.

The mob began its endeavors to secure entrance to the jail about 11:30 o'clock last night and used crowbars and battering rams.

Edwards was arrested early yesterday after shoes found in his cabin near the place where Miss Willys was killed, had been fitted to his feet. Blood was found on his feet, it is said.

Edwards confessed the crime to 12 men who entered his cell.

An Anderson county farmer walked into one of the Anderson banks one day last week and deposited an even one hundred thousand dollars, according to The Anderson Mail.

TAX NOTICE

Office of Treasurer Kershaw Co.

Camden, S. C., Sept. 24, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that the books will be open for the collecting of State County, and School Taxes from October 15th, 1917, to March 15th, 1918. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1918; 2 per cent. February 1st, 1918, and 5 per cent. March 15th, 1918.

The rate per centum for Kershaw County is as follows:

State Taxes	Mills
County Taxes	8 1-2
Special Taxes	10 1-2
Road Taxes	
School taxes	3

Total 22
The following School Districts have special levies:

School District No. 1	5
School District No. 2	4
School District No. 3	2
School District No. 4	2
School District No. 5	2
School District No. 6	8
School District No. 7	4
School District No. 8	4
School District No. 9	4
School District No. 10	5
School District No. 11	5
School District No. 12	7
School District No. 13	4
School District No. 14	3
School District No. 15	3
School District No. 16	4
School District No. 17	8
School District No. 18	4
School District No. 19	4
School District No. 20	4
School District No. 21	2
School District No. 22	7
School District No. 23	8
School District No. 24	4
School District No. 25	4
School District No. 26	4
School District No. 27	9
School District No. 28	5
School District No. 29	4
School District No. 30	4
School District No. 31	6
School District No. 32	4
School District No. 33	4
School District No. 34	8
School District No. 35	8
School District No. 36	4
School District No. 37	2
School District No. 38	5
School District No. 39	5
School District No. 40	11
School District No. 41	4
School District No. 42	3
School District No. 43	8
School District No. 44	4
School District No. 45	4
School District No. 46	8
School District No. 47	4

The poll tax is \$1.00.

All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of incorporated towns of the county shall pay \$2.00 as a road tax, except ministers of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.
D. M. McCASKILL,
County Treasurer.

ALL HOMES TO REGISTER

6,383 Families in Kershaw County and 2,021 Have Registered.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 15.—Effort will be made by the United States food administration to register all homes in South Carolina in the food conservation movement, according to an announcement by William Elliott, food administrator for this State.

During the campaign last fall more than 100,000 homes joined the food administration forces by signing the pledge cards. There are nearly 400,000 homes in the State and every effort will be made to secure all for membership in the United States food administration.

There are 2,021 families in Kershaw county registered as members of the food administration. There are 6,383 families in the county. All families who have not joined the food administration should write immediately to the food administrator, Arcade building, Columbia, and secure the beautiful window card, the kitchen card and other information which is to be distributed. The food administration is making arrangements for the wide distribution of information that will be of value to every household. Those signing the pledge cards, merely promise to save food insofar as possible, so that America may be successful in the war.

The food administration has received a limited supply of War Cook books and the homekeepers who apply first for membership will receive one of these books free of cost.

"Food Will Win the War; Don't Waste It" is the slogan of the United States Food Administration.

The postal receipts in Columbia have doubled since the establishment of Camp Jackson, the receipts for December 1916 being \$20,147.52 and \$41,351.14 for the same month in 1917. Eugene F. Douglas, one of the foremost business men of Florence died in a hospital at Anderson Saturday. He had gone to Anderson to attend the funeral of a relative when he was taken ill.

Notes From Rembert.

Rembert, Jan. 14.—Possibly not in the memory of the oldest person has such a cold spell of weather as we have passed through since the 9th of December took place. As a result of the intense cold the oat crop is dead and wheat is severely injured. This is two consecutive years and is a severe loss to the farmers as well as to the country at large when ev-

erything in the breadstuff line is badly needed.

There is a great deal of suffering in this country among the poorer classes at this time. Many people have scarcely anything to live on and it is going to take the strictest economy to live. Money has scarcely any value compared with former years except to pay debts and very few people have anything to sell to help out expenses. It looks as if we will have the fighting elements to feed a burden with our own that will be hard to carry in this time of food shortage. The sugar famine seems to have developed all at once. Are they any more people to use it that what used to be? Then where is all the sugar going to? The country seems to be badly demoralized and the worst is to come. Nothing to base peace on and it now looks as if the war will go on until both sides are exhausted. The Russian government like Mexico is no good—nothing stable in neither country.

The usual moving is going on. We have much colds etc as a result of the cold.

During a burial service at Pisgab church not long since the church took fire from the stove pipe and came near burning. There is no insurance on the building.

Saturday there was an examination in Camden for a carrier on Route 1 from this office. Mr. D. J. Hatfield has been carrying the mail for some time and he has done his work well.

TAX RETURNS

Notice is hereby given that the Auditor's office will be open for receiving Tax Returns from January 1st, 1918, to February 20th, 1918. All persons owning Real Estate or Personal Property must make returns of the same within said period, as required by law, or be subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

The Auditor will attend in person or by deputy at the following places in the County on the dates indicated for receiving returns:

- Belthune January 14 and 15.
- Raley's Mill, January 16.
- Bower's School House, Jan. 17.
- Kirkley's Store, January 18.
- Kershaw, January 22 and 23.
- Westville, January 24.
- Liberty Hill, January 25.
- Stoneboro, January 26.
- Blaney, January 29.

All persons between the ages of 21 and 60 years inclusive are required to pay Poll and Road Tax, unless excused by law. All Trustees, Guardians, Executors, Administrators or Agents holding property in charge, must return same. Parties sending tax returns by mail must make oath to same before some officer and fill out same in proper manner or they will be rejected.

W. FRUSSELL,
Auditor Kershaw County.

VACATION DAYS
By KIN HUBBARD



Just as Lafe Bud Wuz Startin' fer Silver Lake This Mornin' on His Annual Vacation, His Canoe, Minnie, Wuz Attached fer th' Coats o' His First Divorce.

Just as Lafe Bud wuz startin' fer Silver Lake this mornin' on his annual vacation his canoe, Minnie, wuz attached fer th' coats o' his first divorce. Thus we're reminded that th' vacation season has, rolled around agin.

Folks that has skimmed along all winter on turnips an' watermelon preserves are checkin' out ther savin's fer fishin' poles, white shoes, foldin' coats, gasolene, cottage rent an' boat hire, while they allow th' easy payments on player planners, sewin' machines an' diamond rings t' lapse int' innocuous desuetude. Pale thin husbands are borrowin' their own money on twenty-year policies at eight per cent an' plannin' t' git away an' train back t' ther ole forms agin. Dried up lawyers wearin' th' court room palor an' alpaca coats are arrangin' ther vacation itineraries so as t' bump into a few National league games. Department store girls are organizin' int' little clumps t' giggle all th' way t' Put-in-Bay or Moomoth Cave an' back. Young wives who have tided over ther first winter in harness are packin' ther pasteboard suitcases fer extended visits back t' mother where they kin git a little sympathy an' review th' past in peace, while flat-bred babies are shrinkin' an' witherin' fer th' open air while ther parents are tryin' t' mortgage th' golden oak davenport fer enough t' git t' th' woods.

Whether you work or live with your wife's folks ther is no tonic like a change o' scene. Careworn stenographers who have held t'gether on doughnuts all winter should seek th'

rugged grandeur o' th' mountains where they kin familiarise 'emselves with th' commonest rules o' spellin' unobserved. Th' gnarled an' tired farmer, whether he be o' broad or narrow means, should lose himself among th' stately sky scrapers o' th' congested city, fer away from th' din an' clamor o' his panting flocks.

T' most o' us a vacation is only a change o' venue, but even a change o' venue removes us from th' same ole tiresome courthouse square, an' th' same ole tiresome delivery horses, an' th' same ole prominent citizens—th' same ole speckled films in th' same ole nickel-theater o' our daily lives.

How quickly anything out o' th' ordinary awakens new interest an' causes us fer th' instant t' fergit all th' petty annoyances o' th' daily grind. Th' sight a' some majestic mountain, th' sweet strains o' a Venetian band, or some strikin' bit o' architecture 'll often transform a crusty bookkeeper, or bring th' luster o' a new phaeton t' th' long dormant eye o' th' steady employee. Even a new blond trimmer 'll quicken th' pulse an' cause one t' emerge from the beaten rut if only fer th' instant.

Some folks act like they were puttin' one over on th' welfare o' th' community when they take a vacation. Ther's never any noticeable let-up in th' machinery o' business while some indispensible feller is fishin'. Progress never feels th' vacation period, an' yet when some fellers git back from a little outin' they expect t' find desolation an' ruin.

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The telephone directory is issued at frequent intervals for the information and benefit of the telephone-using public.

Every effort is made to keep this list accurate and up-to-date. It is expected that telephone-users will consult it before making calls. A call for an incorrect number causes delay and possible annoyance to a third party.

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