

DEMOCRATS PLEDGE LOYALTY.

Resolutions Expressing Support of President Wilson Adopted.

Resolutions endorsing President Wilson and urging a vigorous prosecution of the war were adopted by nearly every Democratic club in South Carolina at the precinct club meetings Saturday.

The Camden Democratic club met for the purpose of re-organizing and electing delegates to the county convention.

Whereas, it is declared by our government that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany, Austria-Hungary, which is hereby declared and declared war against us, and

Resolved, that we, the undersigned, do hereby pledge our hearty support to our government in pressing to a successful and victorious conclusion the war on which depends the freedom of Europe and the world.

Resolved, that we condemn disloyalty and treason and especially do we pledge to our gallant boys of our country who have gone into the war our unflinching support to the end of this righteous cause.

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ALLIED LINES ARE HOLDING

German Hurling Themselves Against Veritable Granite Wall Near Ypres.

Germany's armies are hurling themselves against a granite wall on three sides of the ruined city of Ypres. After fighting of the most terrific nature, the British and French lines are still intact and the enemy has lost terribly in his repeated assaults against the lines where the allies stand at bay.

The objective of the fighting that now is going on is the capture of Ypres where since 1914 the British have held their positions. Two years ago the allied lines were carried forward and the salient in front of the city was wiped out, but from these positions the British retired a week ago to the trenches where they stood during the terrific fighting in the spring of 1915, when they stopped the Germans in their first drive for the channel ports.

The present battle opened with a bombardment of the British and French lines from Meteren and Vleurbae, a distance of 12 miles. Then came reports of a spread of the fighting around the curve in the line in front of Ypres until the Belgian army, north of the city, were involved. Field Marshal Haig's official report, anxiously awaited, brought the news that the utmost efforts of the Germans had been fruitless all along the line.

The field marshal's statement said that the Teutons had paid a great price and had gained virtually nothing. The battle still continues along the front, but there is little indication that an immediate withdrawal from Ypres is contemplated by the allies, at least until they have exacted from the enemy a great sacrifice of human lives.

The only point at which the Germans made any gains was on the hilly sector of the front back of Kemmel hill, where the French are standing. At some points the enemy was able to occupy portions of the line, but from the greater part of these they were driven out by the French who re-established their defenses.

Frontal attacks on Ypres would seem to indicate that there is little confidence in the German general staff that the Ypres positions can be outflanked from the south. The lines as they stand today are very strong and withstood the onset of the Germans in 1914 when the Teuton emperor's army was a much different machine than it is today.

The bloody repulse of the Germans in their great plunge forward will mean much in further operations in that sector of the battle line. While the struggle was going on before Ypres, the British positions from LaBasse to Houtholst wood, and from Lens to Vimy were deluged with shells, but so far there has been no infantry fighting reported from that part of the front.

An attack on this salient in the German line is expected soon, however, for it stands as a constant menace to a further advance by the enemy.

VISITING THE COUNTY SCHOOLS.

State Supervisor Makes Favorable Comment on Kershaw Schools.

Editor Chronicle: During the past week the State Supervisor of Rural Schools was privileged to spend three days in the schools of Kershaw county in company with the County Superintendent of Education.

The first day of visiting was spent at Cassatt, Bethune and Shamrock schools. Cassatt and Shamrock were two-teacher schools that were visited three years ago. Each at that time had erected a modern building in accordance with state plans.

These schools have been well conducted and are admirably meeting the needs of the children in their respective communities. Shamrock has recently increased her special tax to eight mills and is entitled, therefore, to share in the Equalizing Fund provided for at the last session of the legislature.

This step will make secure the financial needs of the school and will insure an adequate term and good instruction for the school. No effort was made to inspect Bethune school in passing. The Superintendent and the Supervisor merely wished to meet the teachers of the school and to see the new building which had not been erected at the time of the previous visit of the Rural Supervisor.

Bethune has apparently had a good school year and with so excellent a building the people of the community will likely take every necessary step to secure the continuance of the school at its present excellent standard.

Thursday DeKalb, Three C's and Flat Rock were visited. DeKalb had a new building three years ago. It is at present a well managed two-teacher school that is making splendid use of the house that was erected a few years ago. Three C's was found in an old dilapidated building three years ago. It has now a splendid two-teacher school in a modern building with two classrooms and an auditorium upstairs.

The people are making good use of their new school plant. It is not only providing adequately for the teaching of the children but it is also supplying the people of the community with an excellent community center. Three C's also has recently increased the special tax to 8 mills in order to participate in the Equalizing Fund.

Flat Rock is a one-teacher school in a small one-story building. The building, however, is well arranged and seems to meet the needs of the school. To all appearances the school was closing last week a good session. There had been a change of teachers during the year, but the new teacher had to all appearances amply adjusted herself to the school and was holding the interest of the pupils.

COUNCIL HELD MEETING.

All Old Officers Re-Elected With Exception of Clerk and Recorder.

At a called meeting of the members of the new City Council held Monday evening the matter of electing city officers for the coming two years was taken up. Also the license ordinance for the next two years was framed. An entirely new ordinance has been framed and will be published in the Chronicle at an early date.

The following officers were elected: Chief of Police—A. G. Whitaker. Policemen—Robt. Latta, L. T. Stewart and J. K. Knight. City Clerk and Recorder—L. A. Witkowski. City Clock Keeper—G. L. Blackwell. City Electrician—E. D. McCutcheon. Street Commissioner—W. D. Whitaker.

Committees Named. Following is a list of committees appointed to serve in the various departments of the city government: Ways and Means—R. S. Williams, chairman; G. A. Rhame, C. P. DuBose. Street Department—W. H. Pearce, chairman; G. A. Rhame, W. L. Jackson.

Police Department—C. P. DuBose, chairman; R. S. Williams, G. A. Rhame. Water and Light—W. R. Hough, chairman; C. P. DuBose, R. S. Williams. Fire Department—G. A. Rhame, chairman; W. H. Pearce, R. S. Williams. City Property—W. L. Jackson, chairman; W. R. Hough, W. H. Pearce. Sanitation and Sewerage—G. A. Rhame, chairman; W. L. Jackson, W. R. Hough.

Parks—Entire City Council. Exchange of Thrift Stamps. Charleston, May 1.—Many inquiries have been received regarding the exchange of Thrift Stamps on or after December 31, 1918, when it is planned that the War Savings campaign shall end.

This matter is covered fully in a special Treasury Department Circular, which reads: "The Secretary of the Treasury will make provision for the exchange of Thrift Stamps after December 31, 1918, into War Savings Stamps and certificates, series of 1918, upon payment of the additional amount then required, or into some other series, or will otherwise protect the interest of holders of Thrift Stamps."

"Some other series" refers to a possible issuance of a new series of War Savings Stamps. However, no such issue has been announced as yet. The phrase "payment of the additional amount then required" refers to the difference in the value between Thrift and War Savings Stamps, at the time this exchange is made.

"The Hoodoo" Tonight. "The Hoodoo" a play by local talent will be given at the Camden Opera House this evening commencing at 8:30 o'clock. Pupils of the High and Grammar Schools of Camden will take part and they promise an evening of excellent entertainment.

LEVER FOR THE SENATE

And John L. McLaurin Will Seek To Be Governor.

Special to the News and Courier. Columbia, May 1.—Ashbury Francis Lever, of Lexington, Congressman from the Seventh Congressional District and chairman of the agricultural committee of the National House of Representatives, announced here tonight for the United States Senate, to oppose Senator Tillman who some time ago stated that he was in the race for reelection. In making his announcement Congressman Lever issued a statement telling of his efforts in behalf of the administration, his work in connection with the war and his devotion to Woodrow Wilson and the President's ideals of democracy.

Mr. Lever's entry makes the fourth in the race to succeed Senator Tillman, the others besides Senator Tillman being ex-Governor C. L. Blease, of Columbia, and Nat. B. Dial, of Laurens. There will be at least one or more candidates to announce before the end of this month.

John L. McLaurin, of Bennettsville, former United States Senator, was communicated with over long distance telephone tonight and apprised of Mr. Lever's decision. Mr. McLaurin immediately authorized the announcement that he was a candidate for the Governorship. Mr. McLaurin's entrance makes the seventh candidate to announce for Governor. The previous entries are Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, Attorney General Thomas H. Peoples, of Barnwell; Railroad Commissioner John G. Richards, of Liberty Hill; Lieut. Governor Andrew J. Beuther, of Columbia; William A. Stuckey, of Bishopville, secretary of the Eastern district exemption board, and John Madison DeChamps, of Rock Hill.

Wade Hampton Cobb, of Columbia, solicitor of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, stated tonight that he probably would be in the race to succeed Mr. Lever in Congress and that he would make a definite statement in the next few days. George Bell Timmerman of Batesburg, solicitor of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit, when communicated with over long distance telephone said that he contemplated making the race, but would not announce definitely for the next few days.

Others who have been mentioned as probable candidates are: John H. Clifton, of Sumter; Julius T. Lines, of Orangeburg; Joe A. Berry, of Orangeburg; Thomas F. Brantley, of Orangeburg; and Thoma G. McLeod, of Bishopville, former Lieutenant Governor. Former Governor Blease tonight issued the following statement relative to the candidacy of Congressman Lever for the United States Senate: "Congressman Lever's entrance into the race for the Senate has strengthened and confirmed my opinion as to my success in being elected to the United States Senate. I consider Senator Tillman as a stronger candidate than Mr. Lever. The addition of candidates or a reduction of candidates will not affect my race and success."

Volunteers For Service. Another Camden boy has answered the call to the colors by volunteering for service in the United States army. Walter A. Elliott, son of Mrs. Minnie Elliott, has been accepted for enlistment in the South Carolina National Guard by the regular army recruiting officers, and is now on temporary duty at Fort Sargent, Ga., awaiting a shipment. Young Elliott is well known here and while his many friends regret to see him leave, they wish him the best of success while he is serving Uncle Sam and helping him to win the war either at home or abroad. Repeated calls for volunteers for the army continue to come from the recruiting officers, who advise all not subject to the draft to grasp this opportunity to volunteer.

Charged With Murder of Mrs. King. Council, N. C., May 1.—A warrant for the arrest of Otto Schumann, an insured company agent, charging him with the murder of Mrs. Minnie A. King was issued here today. The warrant alleges that Mrs. King was killed by a bullet fired at Gaston B. Meade. The death of Mrs. King occurred at Blackwelder spring, near here, last August. The local prosecuting attorney, who caused the warrant to be issued, stated two persons claim to have seen Schumann hurry away from Blackwelder spring after Mrs. King was shot.

To Liberty Bond Subscribers. All persons who have subscribed to the Third Liberty Loan are requested to call at the banks through which their subscriptions were given and make the first payment on these bonds not later than Saturday, May 4th. The loan committee for the county wants to complete its report by Saturday night and it is important that this matter be attended to on this day so that the county can make as good a showing as possible toward raising its quota.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Items Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Kershaw's demonstration on last Saturday in interest of the Third Liberty Loan was a most decided success and in every way worthy of the commendable effort of the Kershaw Red Cross organization, who were organized and directed for the work by Mrs. Mollie Perry of Lancaster, an efficient and whole-souled worker in any good cause. The paraphernalia used was loaned by the Lancaster Red Cross and the Kershaw organization greatly appreciates that kindness.

C. H. Yates, chairman for Kershaw county, and Geo. W. Williams, chairman for Lancaster county, for the Third Liberty Loan Drive, occupied seats on the stand. Thomas T. Truesdale, eldest son of Mrs. Mattie Truesdale, enlisted for service in France as railway conductor. He left yesterday for Petersburg, Va., to take a training course before going over. Tom has had considerable experience in railroading, having been in the employ of the Southern Railway for a number of years on its freight trains in the Charleston Division.

Joseph Dendy and Miss Mary Falle were married Saturday, April 20, at the home of W. J. Mangum, notary public, who performed the ceremony. Miss Ethel Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hunter, and Minor Shaw were married Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents at the cotton mill village by Rev. J. M. Neal. A large number of the friends of the young couple witnessed the marriage.

A subscription is being raised for the purchase of a new flag for the Kershaw Graded school. The list, which was being circulated by C. N. Houser, has been left in the hands of Dr. Gregory, where anyone who desires to do so can call and contribute any amount they desire to subscribe for that purpose. Samuel Johnson of Rock Hill, and A. J. Beattie of Camden, income tax inspectors, spent a couple of days in Kershaw last week on official business. Miss Ethel Floyd left Saturday for Washington, D. C., to visit her friend, Mrs. H. B. Magill.

The South Carolina interdenominational Sunday School Convention 19 being held in Greenwood this week and will continue through the 1st, 2nd and 3rd insts. The delegates from the Kershaw Sunday Schools are as follows: Presbyterian, Mrs. Fred E. Culvern, Baptist, Hoyt Blackwell, Methodist, Miss Ann Gardner and T. K. Fletcher. Mrs. Edna Jones and children, who spent the winter in Alabama with Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Lena Grayson, will return to Kershaw today. They stop with relatives in Lancaster several days on their return trip. Mrs. J. R. Ellis, of the Westville section, was taken to the Fannell Infirmary in Rock Hill last week for an operation.

Mrs. Nancy Bowers, widow of the late Samuel Bowers, died suddenly on last Saturday afternoon at the home of her son, E. C. Bowers, of J. S. Bartholomew's place in the Hanging Rock community. The burial was at the Hanging Rock graveyard Sunday afternoon the services being conducted by Rev. J. M. Neal. Mrs. Bowers was about eighty years of age and left several children surviving.

COMMUNITY ICE PLANT. Hermitage Cotton Mills to Manufacture Eight Tons Daily. The management of the Hermitage Cotton Mills now have on the road an ice plant of eight tons per day capacity which will be installed as soon as it arrives. The plant was ordered some weeks ago from Ohio and is expected today. It is the purpose of the mill to operate this plant in connection with the mill and the output will be chiefly for the employees of their mill. The mill management does not expect the entire output to be consumed by the mill people and they will make arrangement with some local dealer to handle whatever the company does not use. The ice will be manufactured from condensed steam and will be absolutely pure in every way. The plant will be operated on the present small scale for a time and if the mill finds that it is profitable the plant will more than likely be enlarged.

CAMDEN WINS FROM BETHUNE. Another Game This Afternoon Between Camden and Sumter. In a very exciting game the Camden High School defeated Bethune High on the local diamond Monday afternoon 4 to 0. Smith for Camden allowed only three scattered hits and struck out 17 Bethune batsmen. Besides pitching a good game he hit safely twice, one of which was for extra bases. Other features were an unassisted double play with one out and three on bases by DePass in the fifth inning, a running catch by Clyburn in center and the hitting of Rhame, Schenk for the locals played an excellent game at first. The Bethune team showed up strong, but could not hit in pinches. Score by innings: R H E Camden 021 001 003 4-10-2 Bethune 000 000 000 0-3-4 Umpire—Jno. Villepigne. The Camden High School team will face a strong team from the Sumter High School (today) Friday. They are very anxious to win this game so the fans can look for an extraordinary good game. The game will be called at 3:00 o'clock.