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CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES HERE TUESDAY

A hundred or more Kershaw County voters were at the court house here today to hear the candidates for state offices lay claims to the jobs they seek. The speaking commenced at the court house but before the candidates for railroad commissioner had reached the court house was so crowded that the audience was invited into the house yard.

Candidates for railroad commissioner were H. H. Arnold, of Columbia; A. A. Richardson, of Columbia; T. J. McLaughlin, of St. Matthews; D. L. Smith, of Walterboro; J. J. Howell, of Columbia. All set forth claims and declared their loyalty to the United States.

Mr. Richardson was asked to spend as much money in enforcing the laws of the state. Mr. Richardson declared that he had used the money for law.

Mr. Swearingen candidate for re-election as state superintendent of education told of his work for the past year for the betterment of school conditions. He was followed by V. E. Cohen, of Darlington.

Mr. Sapp, of Lancaster, was first speaker for the office of attorney general. He told of his service three years as assistant attorney general and declared his loyalty to the government during the war.

Mr. Sapp was followed by S. M. Anderson. Mr. R. P. Sear, candidate for the same office said his main subject in this race was to get Sapp from rising and also to get Wolfe away from the door to the office of attorney general.

Mr. DesChamps, the first candidate for Governor, arraigned Mr. Sapp's position on a loan system for institutions of higher learning in the present free scholarship system as untenable and illogical. He said Mr. Cooper as saying at a former time that a friend of Mr. Cooper's had many boys and girls money for an education, and this friend had lost a cent. Mr. DesChamps said the "friend" was N. B. Dial, candidate for the United States Senate.

Mr. Cooper had not made the reply until after Senator Tillman's otherwise Mr. Cooper would have defeated for Governor by Senator Sapp.

Mr. Duncan, the next gubernatorial speaker, subordinated the "system" to a bitter exhortation of Cole L. Blackmon, in which he warned the people that the negroes organized a league and one of his negro lieutenants was a negro bishop. He referred to Bleasde's speech at a University, a negro institution, and an audience of negro students, and his respects to Governor Manning and Senator Christie Benet and Mr. Sapp.

YOUNG WHITE MAN ARRESTED

Charged With Having Made Away With Good Sum from Camp Jackson.

E. N. Hendricks, a white man, giving his home as Hartsville, S. C., was arrested on the county ferry here Monday afternoon while coming from Columbia. Sheriff Hough was notified by phone from Camp Jackson to hold the man as he was wanted for embezzlement. Hendricks was employed at the post-exchange at Camp Jackson and is alleged to have gotten away with something like \$1,000 in cash. He was driving an automobile purchased from a Columbia dealer and the auto dealer was also after him. Sheriff Hough placed the man in jail until officers from Camp Jackson could come for him. He was returned to Columbia late Monday night in care of military officers.

When first arrested Hendricks denied knowing anything of charges against him and expressed a willingness to return to Columbia. When searched at the jail \$476 in currency was found on him. A bank book was also found showing where he had at various times recently made deposits of about \$1,000. Hendricks seemed to be about 23 years of age, was well dressed and a man of good appearance.

Unearthing German propaganda and Teutonic spy methods. "Of course we all know that the Charleston American has been rabidly disloyal in every way. I hope you will note some developments in that direction before long." He explained that the communication was written to him but did not state what connection it had with Mr. Grace's trip North.

Major Richards was in his native county. At the commencement of his address he was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Major Richards declared, as he had done elsewhere, that the war is not an issue in this campaign. He referred to his work in the legislature and connection with the affairs of Winthrop and Darlington colleges. He promised if elected to use his utmost to secure lower taxes for this state. One of the methods of decrease, he declared, would be by "kicking out of office some of the men placed there by the Legislature and the present Governor." These men, he stated, are wasting the taxpayers' money. He claimed that the position taken by Mr. Cooper that taxes will be higher because of the war is absolutely untenable.

Mr. Bethea, Lieutenant Governor, who followed, said that Major Richards prefers to talk about taxation, education, the weather or something else because the war may be a sore point with him. After referring to Bleasde the speaker said that Major Richards declared for Bleasde at Wallhalla, but that the Reform candidate for Governor had side-stepped the question. Mr. Bethea asked him at Wallhalla and Greenville if Major Richards endorsed the remarks of Bleasde at Pomaria and Filbert, which is unanswered yet. He referred to the affidavits he read from Heath Springs citizens, which declared that Major Richards had criticized President Wilson during the Mexican trouble and said that he would go down in history as the weakest President the United States had ever had, but Major Richards at Lancaster, where the affidavit was read, said Mr. Bethea, stated that no matter what he thought before the war he was wholeheartedly with the President and the government since the declaration of hostilities.

Mr. Bethea read excerpts from the Charleston American of Bleasde's speeches printed therein. He said that he did not want the support of a man who endorsed Bleasde's utterance, and asked if there were a man in the crowd who endorsed his utterances to hold up his hand. Mr. D. P. C. Murchison stated that he endorsed what Bleasde said before war was declared. "But," Mr. Bethea replied "this was four months after war was declared." Some one suggested that Mr. Bethea ask Mr. Murchison "if he did not vote against Hampton in 1876?" Mr. Murchison denied this. "The boys say you did, I only have their word for it," replied Mr. Bethea. Bethea's retort caused a great deal of cheering and showed that Mr. Bethea had the crowd with him.

Mr. Cooper, Robert A. Cooper, the last speaker, said that the war is an issue and will continue so to be until the men in France return home with victory. He declared that he did not expect to see the taxes reduced, particularly during the war. He said that the people would not feel proud of their achievement when the boys return home and say: "While we were over there suffering and dying you were reducing the taxes." He wanted to know if Major Richards

TO LEAVE AUGUST 6TH

List of White Registrants Ordered to Report to Local Board for Entrainment to Camp Wadsworth.

List of white registrants ordered to report to Local Board for entrainment to Camp Wadsworth, S. C., on August 6th, at 4 o'clock P. M. under call 974:

Fletcher Jackson, Longtown
Mannes B. Rabon, Lugoff
Edgar Marsh, Camden
Henry T. Horton, Camden
Henry H. Holland, Cauty
Robert Dexter Hurst, Camden
Samuel O. Yarboro, Bethune
Daniel C. McCaskill, Jefferson
Troy Richardson, Kershaw
Furman B. Hilton, Bethune
Freddie C. Jordan, Westville
Thomas H. Elliott, Cassatt
Mank Wilson, Lugoff
Hiram Sanders, Blaney
Lewis D. Raley, Kershaw
Simon E. Davis, Kershaw
Fred E. Watts, Camden
Henry Young, Westville
John S. Branham, Lugoff
Clic Thompson, Camden
Benjamin T. Jordan, Bethune

The following Registrants of the 1918 Class having been placed in Class 1 and called up for examination and failing to appear will be reported to State Headquarters as delinquents on Monday August 5th: Isaiah Robertson, George Drakeford, John Clark, Joe Williams, Willie Jones, Solomon Corbin, John Manning, Willie Garey, James Lloyd, Eddie Banks, Jr., Wylie Clarke.

The following of the 1917 Class will be reported same way on the above date: Willie Williams, Osea A. Jones, Frank Harris, Wiley Dease, Thomas Murphy.

If any of the above registrants will meet at the Court House on next Monday morning at 9 o'clock they can be examined and will not be reported.

NEXT LOAN IN SEPTEMBER

Will Commence September 29th and Ends October 19th.

Washington, July 31.—The campaign for the fourth Liberty Loan will open Saturday, September 28, and continue three weeks, ending October 19 it was announced tonight by Secretary McAdoo.

Three weeks as the length of the campaign for the fourth loan, instead of four weeks as in previous loans, treasury officials plan for a more intensive campaign. A shorter campaign, it was said, will also enable more business men to enlist as workers.

The date of the campaign was announced at this time in order to allow campaign organizations to prepare for the sale of bonds and to prevent the planning of another campaign which might interfere with the floating of the loan.

"Although official announcement has not been made the amount of the loan will be \$6,000,000,000 and the rate interest which the bonds will bear 4 1/2 per cent. Should the treasury decide soon to place on the market certificates of indebtedness redeemable next June when taxes are due, the amount of the loan may be reduced.

Buried at Lugoff.

Lewis M. Branham, who died at his home at No. 1 Bluff Road near Columbia Saturday was buried at Lugoff in this county Sunday. Mr. Branham was 63 years of age at the time of his death and was a prominent man of his community.

in saying the war would not cause a raise in taxes, desires to turn over to the federal government the school system of South Carolina for operation. Does he advocate the sacrificing of every vestige of States rights?" he asked. He defended his loan plan system. "One of the candidates said that my position is illogical," said the speaker. "Even if it is not logic if it is truth, and logic is truth."

Mr. Cooper said that no matter who is elected Governor, he does not expect to see taxes reduced; that the people had one Governor who vetoed everything and everybody, but the taxes went up in his administration.

The speaker said that he would not pardon his best friend unless he was thoroughly satisfied that the courts had made an error. He has been solicitor too long not to know that courts and juries make mistakes sometimes, and for that reason he was not opposed to the pardoning power. However, he did think executive clemency should not be used except to correct an injustice.

Mr. Cooper promised, if elected, not to know friend or foe in the exercise of his executive duties.

Although the crowd was tired they listened attentively to Mr. Cooper's address. Judging by comments from the voters he is easily the favorite in this section.

PREDICTS BLEASDE'S DEFEAT

Pollock Says Bleasde Should Be Peering Out of Cell With Beard.

Ridgeland, July 26.—Overwhelming defeat of Cole L. Bleasde in the approaching primary to elect a United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Tillman was forecast here today by W. P. Pollock, candidate for the short term. The candidate from Cheraw expects to see the people, in their righteous indignation, "spew him out of their mouths and bury him so deep with their ballots that he'll never have the face to come before them again. "If the people are aroused against him as they are where we have been within the last two weeks, I expect to see him beaten by 40,000 votes."

Mr. Pollock's words were greeted with tremendous applause and his scathing denunciation of Bleasde's war utterances drew bursts of continued applause from the crowd. "I know that the heart of Jasper County is all right and that you will not elect any traitor to the United States Senate," Mr. Pollock said at the conclusion of one of the most eloquent periods. After reading a number of the things Bleasde said in the Pomaria and Filbert speeches the speaker said: "Could any one but a traitor to your country, to your army and your navy, any one but a traitor to you, to your wife, your children and to your home give utterance to such sentiments as that. By Bleasde's silence at Florence when the statements were read to his face by Mr. Dial, Bleasde had admitted the correctness of the reports and when Mr. Dial had branded him to his face as being 'disloyal from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet' he could not resent it."

Mr. Pollock said that three close political allies of Bleasde and also men of pronounced pro-German sentiments had been sentenced to terms in the federal prison. These, he said, were W. P. Beard, Bleasde's bodyguard in previous campaigns and publisher of The Scimitar, of Abbeville, a paper debarred from the mails because of its disloyal utterances; Paul Wierse, member of the editorial staff of the Charleston American, a paper that has been debarred from the United States mails and now clamoring day in and day out for the election of Bleasde; and Albert Orth, another German of Charleston. The quartet would not be complete, said Mr. Pollock, until Bleasde was peering out of the penitentiary, "where he ought to be." The editor of The Charleston American, said the speaker, was John P. Grace, who had attempted to speak to audiences in the Piedmont during the campaign six years ago and was plastered with rotten eggs. The speaker understood that President Wilson preferred ten La Follette's, "as disloyal as La Follette is, to one Cole L. Bleasde in the United States Senate."

N. B. Dial of Laurens, also drove some acid thrusts into Bleasde's disloyalty record. The speeches which the ex-Governor had made at Pomaria and Filbert were "the kind of propaganda which encouraged the American boys to desert, when called to the army. They are the most pleasing message, he said, that could possibly be sent to Germany. "It is only sowing seeds of dissension among our people and creating dissatisfaction with the government," said the speaker. Mr. Dial said he knew of different cases in which people who were not so shrewd as Bleasde had attempted to repeat disloyal utterances and had been taken from the farms and families and sent to the federal prison.

Mr. Dial urged the employment of German prisoners in drainage projects in the South. This would bring untold wealth to the southern half of the State and simultaneously afford employment for the thousands of prisoners taken in France.

New Manager Takes Charge.

Mr. David Perkins, formerly with the oil mill at Darlington, took up his duties as manager of the Camden branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Co. yesterday to succeed Mr. Wm. King who is now in the Y. M. C. A. service. During Mr. King's absence Mr. Thomas Ascrum has been acting manager of the Camden Mill.

New Announcement.

Mr. S. A. Vincent is announced in this week's issue of The Chronicle as a candidate for the office of Magistrate for Lower Flat Rock Township.

Mr. Newton Kelly is announced this week as a candidate for the house of representatives.

Mr. John J. Goodale is announced as a candidate for Judge of Probate.

Protracted Meeting at Flint Hill.

Rev. J. R. Smith of Fort Mill will conduct a protracted meeting at Flint Hill Church beginning Sunday evening August 4th.

KERSHAW NEWS NOTES

Interesting Happenings Gathered From The Era of That Place.

Mrs. E. C. Brasington and daughters Misses Edith, Mary Evans and Annie, and Mrs. S. F. Brasington and son Cecil of Camden, left last Thursday for a stay at Ridge Crest, N. C.

Mrs. Robt. Evans and children, Mary Elisabeth and Albert, of Monroe, N. C., visited at the home of Mrs. M. F. Evans last week.

Mrs. Frank Hinnant and children, who visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robt. Magill, in the Bethel section, returned to their home at Ridge-way last week. Mrs. Hinnant was accompanied also by her sister, Mrs. S. L. Blackmon and little son, S. L. who will spend a while with her in Ridge-way.

Church Gardner of Rock Hill, and daughter, Mrs. Effie Sadler of Durham, N. C., spent several days last week at the home of R. F. Hilton and other relatives in the Flat Creek section.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stevens have returned from their visit to Atlantic City and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Thompson of Taxahaw, were here Saturday to see their son, Gary, who is at the home of Mrs. Thompson's sister, Mrs. John Haley, suffering from a broken arm. The arm was broken by a fall from the piazza of the Taxahaw school building and the little fellow was brought to Kershaw where he could have the attention of a physician. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson also have another son, Perry, at the Fennell Infirmary, Rock Hill, for treatment.

Hazel Horton left last week to join the professor and contingent of Wofford students who were selected to go in training at the Plattsburg, N. Y., officer's training camp. Wofford will be made a full military school and the students now in training at Plattsburg will constitute the cadet officers of the student body. Carlisle Kirkley was selected for the similar course from the student body of the University of South Carolina, but he had already enlisted in the reserve marine corps and is subject to call at any time. For that reason he did not go to Plattsburg.

Dr. W. C. McDowell, who was taking a vacation with his family in Western North Carolina, motored to Kershaw last Tuesday to enroll before the books closed. He was accompanied by W. L. Blackmon, who is summing with his family at Black Mountain, N. C. Dr. McDowell and family returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Jas. H. Hamel, who was three weeks at the Fennell Infirmary, returned home last Friday very much improved.

Mrs. Jane Clyburn and two daughters, Misses Margaret and Thelma, of Atlanta, spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Clyburn last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd E. Young motored to Durham, N. C., and spent the week there with relatives. They were accompanied on the trip by their nephew Shalor Crow.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Moore of York, returned home Saturday after a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hilton in the Haile Gold Mine section.

Mrs. V. B. Campbell has returned from Greenville, where she spent some time with her husband, who left for Camp Mills, N. Y., Friday.

Sergeant Furman Jones and Corporal Grover H. Jones, of Co. 306 Military Police, have been transferred with their company from Camp Sevier, Greenville, to Camp Mills, Mineola, Long Island, N. Y.

J. Hermon Long son of R. F. Long of the Plains section who removed from Columbia to Washington, D. C., several months ago after being accepted for service, was married in Washington Sunday, July 14, to Miss Lillie Mae Jennings, of Columbia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Ball, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church of Washington.

Mr. Long is now on duty in the enrolling office of the Naval Reserve Flying Corps.

After being confined to his home for two weeks with sickness, Rev. R. M. DuBose, pastor of the Methodist Church was able to be out again and fill his preaching appointments on last Sunday.

W. L. Croxton returned Saturday from Western North Carolina, where he spent several weeks recuperating his health. He says he has been very much benefited by his stay in the mountain region.

Miss Nannie Blackmon returned last week from Orangeburg, where she spent several weeks with friends.

Jack Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Massey of Taxahaw, and Miss Donnie Hilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hilton of Kershaw were

BETHUNE NEWS NOTES.

Chronicle of Happenings From Our Regular Correspondent.

Bethune, S. C., July 31.—Mrs. Mark King and little son of Neeces, S. C., are visiting at the home of Mrs. King's father Mr. N. A. Bethune.

Miss Hattie Gardner spent several days of the past week in Camden.

Mrs. Ben McLeod, of Tiller's Ferry is visiting her sister Mrs. G. S. King.

Miss Florida Satcher who has been the guest of Miss Mallinda Ward returned to her home at Ward last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Stevens and children spent Friday in Camden.

Mrs. A. W. Humphries is visiting relatives in Mt. Carmel, S. C.

Mrs. A. K. McLaurin returned last week after a trip to Hendersonville and other points in North Carolina.

Mr. W. E. Davis attended court in Camden Thursday.

Mrs. C. M. Wilson, of Newberry, is visiting at the home of her mother Mrs. M. L. Kelly.

Miss Annie Jennie Robertson returned Saturday from Rock Hill where she has been attending summer school at Winthrop College.

Miss Mary Louise McLaurin returned last Friday from a visit to her aunt Mrs. C. M. Wilson in Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Best and children motored to Hartsville Tuesday afternoon.

The young ladies and men Sunday School class of the Methodist Church with Mrs. C. L. Mays, its teacher, had a very pleasant picnic last Thursday at Big Springs. The young folks seemed to enjoy this outing more than any other form of amusement had lately.

Messrs. W. E. Davis, J. M. Clyburn, Tom Hearon and Mays Davis made an auto trip last week over into Darlington county to a flour mill.

Dr. A. W. Humphries is visiting relatives near Camden.

Mr. Clarence Pate left Wednesday for Barnwell, S. C., where he will accept a position.

Mrs. Leona Norcutt returned to her home here Tuesday after spending some time near Kershaw.

Mr. Jake Bethune left last week to accept a position in a hardware store in Hartsville.

Mr. Mark King of Neeces, accompanied by twenty-four boy scouts from that town came Monday to camp a while at Big Springs. The boys brought tents, and seem to be expecting a big time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker have been in Charlotte, N. C., this week where Mr. Parker underwent a successful operation. Mr. Boyd McKinnon is filling Mr. Parker's place as Cashier in the Bank of Bethune while he is away.

Miss Charlotte Watts has returned from Winthrop summer school.

Messrs. Kershaw and Boyd McKinnon, accompanied by Mrs. Eva Morgan and children motored to Monroe, N. C. last week. The former have returned but Mrs. Morgan with her children is visiting relatives near Monroe.

Mr. Jowers of Jefferson was in town Sunday.

Mr. Alvin Clyburn is visiting at the home of his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell in the Ashland section.

Little Miss Sara Caston from Darlington County is the guest of her aunt Mrs. Jonna Caston.

Mr. Thornwell Clyburn of Hartsville spent Sunday at his home here.

Mrs. Marie Rozier of Alabama is visiting relatives in town, after a visit to her husband at Camp Jackson.

Messrs. Loring Davis and Lee Clyburn motored to Camden Sunday evening.

Mr. Baron Lee has returned from a visit to relatives near Monroe, N. C.

County Campaign Dates.

Bethune, Tuesday, August 13th.
Raley's Mill, Wednesday, August 14th.
Kershaw, Thursday, August 15th.
Westville, Friday, August 16th.
Liberty Hill, Tuesday, August 20th.
Blaney, Wednesday, August 21st.
Doby's Mill, Thursday, August 22nd.
Camden, Friday, August 23rd.
Cotton Mills, night of Monday, August 26th.

Georgia's First Bale.

Albany, Ga., July 27.—Georgia's first bale of 1918 cotton was ginned today by Charles H. Tullis, of Doerum, near here. The bale, which weighed 300 pounds, has been shipped to Savannah. Mr. Tullis ginned the state's first bale last year on the same day.

married last Thursday evening at Taxahaw by Rev. Mr. Sutton.

Mrs. W. H. Martin and her son, W. H. Martin, of Laurens, are visiting Mrs. Martin's niece, Mrs. John T. Stevens. Mr. Martin was accepted for service and received appointment as Chief Petty Officer in the Naval Aviation section. He will leave in a few days for Boston to go in training.