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Blaney Was First To Candidates Speak

Candidates who are seeking office in this county made their first appearance to the voters at Blaney on Monday. The commodious new auditorium in the Blaney high school building was filled to such an extent that standing room was at a premium. There was not much expression from the crowd and so far as the various candidates were concerned, voters of that section were on their own counsel.

The meeting began at ten o'clock and was presided over by Mr. Silas Blaney and by a little after noon all had spoken and a barbecue hash was served to those attending and a soft drink vendor also served hot dogs.

McKenzie seeking the office of superintendent of education was the first speaker for that office. He spoke of his long service with the school and his two terms in that office and claimed he knew the school from bottom to top. Said the superintendent required three things of a superintendent and that was, executive, constructive and financial.

That there were many differences arising that had to be met, and ways and means for the improvement of the school system. He thought that his experience and ability both in public and private life fitted him for the position.

That he inaugurated the first club and domestic science club in this county, and favored vocational training in the schools and especially the need of book keeping for the students a fundamental knowledge of business. He promised if elected to strive to keep the law on top so far as its schools were concerned.

Kathleen B. Watts, the first to ask for political office in Kershaw County, stated that she was a friend of Blaney, and that she had served twenty years as a juror and that since women had come into possession of the ballot they were no longer just a part of the kitchen but were now taking part in other lines. That she was enterprise enough to ask for a job and thought that she was able to serve in the superintendent's office and therefore was seeking the votes of the county.

P. Russell, long a familiar name in Kershaw County politics, made his bid for re-election to the office of coroner. His address was the nature of a swan song in politics and stated that if elected this would be the last time he would ever ask the voters for an office.

J. West, seeking the office of coroner, merely made his announcement for the office and that he would appreciate the help of the voters.

E. Hinson, seeking the office of ship director from Wateree township, said that he had no special promises to make, but that he had sixteen years as magistrate and had met with the various governing boards of the county, even back to the county had the supervisor.

Had no criticism to make as a member of the present board, promised if elected to co-operate with other members of the board for betterment of his township, and would show no partiality and would do all over township. Thought a change in this office might bring better results in improving and widening roads. Would give better service and would not ask for re-election.

H. Bowen, seeking re-election as ship director, stated that his record was before his people, and that he had compared the conditions of roads three and a half years ago and now. He had been fair and to all and had no jobs to give nor had he given out any without the permission of other members of the board. He would leave it to his voters if that were not true.

R. Belk was the first of the five to seek a place in the lower house of the general assembly. Mr. Belk introduced himself as being a stranger to many, but they could ask their friends who he was. He had no other to offer other than his private and personal record of which he was not ashamed. From his earliest days to the present time. If elected he would be ever ready to serve for the benefit of Kershaw County. He had good roads, good schools and had spent the time from his schooling to the school house up to the present

ent prosperous time and asked that "let's go on." Promised if elected to work in common with other representatives for the betterment of county and state.

Newton Kelley, present representative from this county, began by stating that he was ever grateful to Blaney for his vote two years ago which was 215 and that he would get more this time for the people had told him so. He said that it had been said that he was fighting the tax commission and the highway department. He said that he had gotten the highway department where he wanted it and was ready to let it alone. That it had come to think that it was "all" of South Carolina and he had made it where it was a "part" of South Carolina. He said that he had rubbed elbows with doctors, lawyers and others in the house and said with great pride that he had as many friends in the legislature as any other man there, and that he might add without boasting that he had more friends there. Wanted the voters to scrutinize his record in the house, that he had always stood foursquare, had been truthful and conscientious in all of his efforts in the house. He said that he was not a "politician," that "isms" had put him out, and that the people had requested him to offer again for re-election and that they had elected him by a great majority. He promised to always contend for what was right, and referred with great pride to the fact that the supreme court had upheld the injunction in this county, which proved that he was right.

J. N. McLaurin, also for the house, announced that he had no past record. Was reared on the farm and was asking the support of the people. He represented no "isms." Comes as a man. Wanted his past record reviewed as a private citizen. Was in favor of good schools, good roads and an economical government. Promised if fortunate enough to be elected that he would work in harmony with other representatives.

D. M. McCaskill, seeking a seat in the house, began by saying that he was a Democrat, had always been a Democrat and expected to support the Democratic nominee for president on down. Said that he entered politics twenty-eight years ago at Curton's Mill precinct (now Blaney) and received all the votes cast. His half century in public life had acquired him a great deal of experience in public affairs and that he wanted to wind up his career in the general assembly that he might crown his ambition to be of some service to his county. He said that he was not the candidate of any set or group but of his own choice. If elected would co-operate with other members for the best interests of his county and state. He had no fight to make on any departments of the state, that they were necessary and what was needed was cooperation to get better service. Reviewed the progress the state had made. Favored progress but wanted a dollar worth for the dollar paid in taxes. Thought that his knowledge of taxation would help in a measure to bring relief. He did not want to retard progress in any manner. He favored the rigid enforcement of laws, and wanted a higher appropriation for old soldiers and would advocate the county supplementing the state fund like they have done in Richland county.

N. S. Richards said that he had been before the voters several times and had been elected and defeated, but held no malice for those who voted against him. Blaney had nearly always given him a majority in his races. He stressed the fact that "economy in our government and taxation were the chief issues." That they were so interwoven that you might call it one issue. He reviewed the bonded debt of state, county and towns and said that it amounted to some one hundred and fifty million dollars. He deplored the extravagance in government and said that it had gone so far that it taxed you from a bottle of cold drink to your hound dog and that you had to even pay a tax to hunt a rabbit. Stressed the fact that economy was the only remedy. Some might call him an old fogey, but he compared the running of the state government with that of one's private business. Said that he had gone to the house once before but couldn't be of much help because the house was composed of mere school boys, but that he had always

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Great Flood Reaches Into Santee River

Columbia, Aug. 21.—The Santee river at Rimini had reached a height of 23.6 feet early yesterday, a rise of 3.9 feet in the previous 12 hours, according to Richard H. Sullivan, meteorologist at the Columbia weather bureau. The river at the Santee bridge on the highway between Greeleyville and Charleston has reached a higher stage than that of 1916, according to Charles H. Moorefield, state highway engineer. The Santee reached a higher level in 1916 than in 1908.

Mr. Moorefield said that he had just returned from a visit to the department's two bridges in that section and he said crews were at work to protect them as he did not know what damage might be possible since the approaches had never had such high water against them since their construction.

At Ferguson the river was reported yesterday morning as stationary at 15 feet.

At Cheraw the Pee Dee river had risen 2.8 feet to a level of 35.1 feet, while at Effingham Lynchers river had risen 1.4 feet to a depth of 8.4 feet. The Black river at Kingstree had risen 7 feet and showed a level of 9.2 feet yesterday.

The Congaree river at Columbia was at a level of 17.5 feet yesterday morning, 2.5 feet above normal flood stage, having receded 9.7 feet in the previous 12 hours. At Pelzer the Saluda was down to eight feet early yesterday while at Chapin it had receded to 20 feet. At Blairs the Broad had reached flood stage of 15 feet yesterday morning, receding five feet in 12 hours.

At Camden the Wateree had receded 5.3 feet in the 12 hours before 8 o'clock yesterday morning and was at a level of 26.5 feet, 1.2 feet above flood stage.

The state highway department has opened most of the roads in the upper state but both highway and railway transportation are handicapped by rising waters along the Santee river.

To Get Water Out of Basement

Mrs. S. W. Bradley has hit upon an easy method of getting rid of water in the basement, and wishes to pass the information on to others in this day of water-filled basements. She says to take an ordinary garden hose and fill it with water. Detach from the socket and hold your hand over the opening to prevent the water from running out. Then place the hose nozzle in the water in the basement, and the hose will draw it all out. Sounds very simple, and is surely worth trying.—Gastonia Gazette.

What Mr. Kelly's Record Shows

The General Sales Tax, the question and vote of which has figured prominently in at least one of the Kershaw county campaign meetings, was presented during the general assembly of this year in the form of a bill to raise revenue to meet the expenses of the state government by providing for and the collection of a license tax on businesses, occupations, incomes, professions, trades, employment, etcetera.

Briefly the bill, while offering relief to the question of taxes upon real estate, would offer confiscatory tolls upon retail business in South Carolina. As voted upon during the past session of the legislature the general sales tax provided for a tax on almost every class of business from the crossroads grocery store to the city's humble bootblack stand.

Under the provisions of the bill any single mechanic, tradesman or laborer, whose weekly salary amounted to forty dollars, would be required to render unto the state government taxes amounting to sixteen dollars yearly, on his wages alone, while his married brother, similarly employed, would have to pay exactly half this amount in salary tax.

On most businesses the tax would have been ten dollars for the first thousand dollars of gross income. For the grocer each additional hundred dollars worth of business would have been taxed at the rate of fifty cents; for the dry goods merchant, seventy-five cents; for the cotton buyer, one dollar; for the druggist, one dollar and fifty cents.

On the basis of a yearly business amounting to ten thousand dollars the grocer would be compelled to pay fifty-five dollars in business tax alone while the druggist would have to charge his customers enough to pay the required tax of one hundred and forty-five dollars.

In every case the tax would ultimately be paid out of the pockets of the consumer unless he ordered his goods from beyond his own state's borders which would mean immediate financial impoverishment to South Carolina and the eventual bankruptcy of the state.

It required a special committee several months of state-wide investigation and travel before the general sales tax bill could be offered in the general assembly. Easily it was the most widely discussed piece of legislation which the past legislature dealt with because it provided revolutionary methods of the state system of taxation.

Long debated in the lower house and spread for weeks on the front pages of the state press the bill finally found defeat by the vote of 73 to 36. The vote was taken upon a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill.

At Bethune Tuesday Newton Kelly, who is seeking re-election to the house, declared from the stand that he did not know how he voted on the general sales tax.

According to the Journal of the House of Representatives, however, Mr. Kelly voted along with the minority in favor of the general sales tax.

Voters Will Ballot For Choice Tuesday

Kershaw County's first Democratic primary will be pulled off next Tuesday, August 28.

The polls at every precinct will open at eight o'clock in the morning and will close promptly at 4 p. m.

The machinery of the Democratic party is all primed and ready to operate efficiently when the voters appear at the various polls on election morning. All managers have been appointed and all ballots have been printed.

The Chronicle, with a desire to serve the people of the county, requests managers to get the report of the vote at each precinct just as soon as possible, so that The Chronicle may print full results the next day. Persons interested in the results will confer a favor upon The Chronicle by aiding the managers in tabulating and getting the results to the proper officials as early Tuesday as is possible.

Camden Methodist Church

Lytleton Street, near Hampton Park. George Pierce Watson, pastor. Sunday, August 26—Bible school at 10:00 a. m. with classes for all grades and ages. Epworth League at 7:45 p. m. Public worship at 11:15 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. conducted by the pastor. The public is cordially invited to all the services of this church. Come and bring your friends.

Pictures at Auditorium

The management of the Camden High School football team will continue to show pictures at the Camden School auditorium on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of next week and the week following on the same days, from 7:30 to 11 p. m.

These are high-class pictures and the attendance at the auditorium has been good. The proceeds derived from the pictures will go for the benefit of athletics in the school. The usual admission charges will prevail.

Antioch School To Open

Antioch High School will open Monday, September 3rd, with the following corps of teachers: First grade, Miss Annie Pate; second and third grades, Mrs. Sarah M. Marsh; fourth and fifth grades, Miss Viva McLeod; sixth and seventh grades, Miss Ruth McLeod.

High School—W. P. Coker, principal, agriculture and mathematics; Miss Lavinia Coker, English and history; Miss Cora Lee Kitchings, science and French.

There will be a meeting of teachers at the school building September 1st, and pupils may enroll and get book lists on that day from ten to twelve o'clock.

Hit and Run Driver Kills Negro Woman

Two women, Belle Kendrick and Susan Holleman, were run over in the town of Rembert Sunday afternoon by a car driven by Robert Dennis. Belle Kendrick was fatally injured, dying this morning. Susan Holleman was also seriously hurt, but today was reported improving and will probably recover. Dennis who drove rapidly away from the scene of the accident, was pursued by several Rembert citizens, but escaped into the woods before the pursuing party reached his home, where he left his car, and fled on foot. Up to noon today he had not been arrested.—Monday's Sumter Item.

Warrant Issued For Killer

Coroner W. J. Seale on Monday conducted an inquest to determine the cause and fix the blame for the death of Belle Kendrick, of Rembert, who was fatally injured Sunday afternoon when struck by an automobile driven by Robert Dennis.

The following facts were brought out at the inquest:

Belle Kendrick, negro woman was injured Sunday afternoon when she was struck by an automobile driven by Robert Dennis, negro, near Rembert on the Camden-Sumter highway. She died some time Sunday night.

It seems that the Kendrick woman and Susan Halleman were walking towards Rembert on the right shoulder of road. Dennis' car was coming from the Sumter side, going in same direction as the women. Another car was ahead of the women going in same direction, and the third car meeting them. Dennis, the testimony showed, was driving very fast and attempted to pass the car by going to his right and out on shoulder of road. Eye witnesses say that the woman was thrown in the air higher than top of car. Dennis' car then swerved back to left and across road into cornfield. He left in his car at once without going back to place of accident. Testimony was that none were drinking.

Dennis was held by the coroner's jury and a warrant issued for his arrest.—Tuesday's Sumter Daily Item.

Now Occupying New Home

Chief of Police H. D. Hilton, who has been residing on north Lytleton Street since the destruction of his home near Sarsfield, has moved into his new house recently erected on the site of the old one.

Woman To Die in Chair

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 16.—Eula Thompson, 24, of Etowah, Tenn., will be the third person to die for the murder of Coleman Osborne, Chattahoochee, Ga., storekeeper on the night of August 5, 1927, and the fourth woman to be executed in Georgia, if nothing intervenes to prevent the execution of the mandate of the Georgia supreme court. The court refused her a new trial today.

Her husband, Clifford Thompson, and a negro, Jim Moss, were executed at Milledgeville Aug. 3.

Girl Drowned in Lynches River

Florence, Aug. 10.—Miss Annie Mae Langston, 17, was drowned in Lynches river near Elim late Thursday afternoon after Granville Timmons, an 11-year-old boy, who was a member of the swimming party, had exhausted every effort to save her and had narrowly escaped death in the water himself. The body was recovered at 10 o'clock this morning 100 yards from where the girl was last seen.

There were four in the swimming party, Miss Langston, who was drowned, Miss Hazel Timmons, 16, Granville Timmons, 11, and Ralph Myers, 17. All live in the Elim community.

The tragedy occurred at a sand bank on the river behind the Stephen McCall place between Elim and Effingham. The two girls, it is reported, got into deep water and the boys attempted to save them. Ralph Myers succeeded in bringing Miss Timmons to the shore. But the younger lad, although he came close to sacrificing his own life, was not successful in saving Miss Langston. It was with the greatest difficulty that he broke the death hold with which it is reported the drowning girl, much older than the lad, had seized him in her last effort to save herself.

All White Electors Named by Joe Tolbert

Columbia, Aug. 17.—Nine Republican electors for South Carolina were selected here Thursday at a meeting of the State Republican Executive committee. The sessions of the committee were not public and the ticket was announced after the meeting by J. W. Tolbert, of Ninety Six, chairman of the committee and Republican national committeeman from South Carolina.

In making public the names of the men who will appear on Hoover-Curtis ticket which will be placed in the field against the Democratic Smith-Robinson ticket in the general election this fall, Mr. Tolbert pointed out that all Republican electors were white men. They were selected, he asserted, with a view of making the strongest appeal to the "best citizens of the state."

The ticket announced by Mr. Tolbert:

C. P. Bridgen, Charleston; Geo. W. Beckett, Beaufort; E. E. Verner, Seneca; Dr. Frederick A. Luben, Greenville; S. E. Lawrence, Chester; H. E. Montgomery, Kingstree; R. L. Smith, New Brooklyn and Columbia; Julius N. Green, Charleston; R. R. Tolbert, Abbeville.

Although declining at present to discuss the Republican campaign plans for this state, Mr. Tolbert let it be known that his party planned a determined drive for votes through the distribution of literature and personal campaigning. "We are not trying to beat the Democrats, though," he declared.

IN THE CAROLINAS

Items of Interest Gleaned From the Papers of Two States

The Table Rock dam built for Greenville's water supply, which disintegrated this summer, had its basin drained for repairs to it and all sluiceways were kept open, but 61 feet of water accumulated behind it during the flood of last week.

The general commanding this corps area has, at the request of Senator Blease, been directed by the war department to afford all relief possible to flood sufferers under the emergency army regulations, along the Broad, Catawba, Saluda and Congaree rivers in South Carolina.

The house of George S. Wilson which burned near Abbeville this week, was over 150 years old and full of antique furniture which burned with it. It has been in the same family ever since it was built.

The state board of education has asked for the resignation of all three school trustees in Lancaster county of the board to which belonged W. A. Carnes who was removed from office by the county board of education and appealed to the state board. The latter found that the removal of Carnes was the result of bitter fighting inside the board of trustees.

Down in Dorchester county where two factions are fighting for control of the courthouse, the only real one of the two campaign meetings scheduled by the county committee was held on Tuesday at Summerville with 2,000 to 3,000 present—but search and call by the chairman showed that there was not a single minister there to open it with prayer, and so the factions went into action fighting viciously without any preliminary prayer.

Miss Ethel Allen, 47 years old, literally died of fright at Henderson, N. C., Wednesday, as a result of crossing the flooded Roanoke river. She was one of a party taking a long tour in a bus and at the bridge the water was so near the floor that the bus went over empty and the passengers walked. Miss Allen fell in the middle of the bridge and died at Henderson while being rushed to a hospital. She is the sister of George G. Allen, the tobacco magnate, of New York, and her home was at Warrenton.

Detective Frank Little John, who skillfully worked out the poison plots at Charlotte and jailed a half dozen persons for murder, awoke early Monday morning with intense burning in his eyes which later were swollen tightly shut. His physician says the symptoms are those of mustard or other war gas, and police are working on the theory that the gas was introduced into the room through an open window, but are without definite clues.