The Barnwell People.

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BARNWELL COUNTY CIRCULATION.

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1897.

Campaign Day at Barnwell.

Tuesday was just as pretty a day as heart could wish. It was warm enough to keep crops growing and cool enough by comparison with city weather to be comfortable. So with the soil too wet to be cultivated at this stage and with all crops growing their prettiest a goodly crowd came to Barnwell. Special trains were run from Allendale and Blackville which were well patronized, while many from interior sections came in their own conveyances.

The Senatorial candidates came by special train from Allendale. Judge Witherspoon kindly had the Court adjourned from noon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The Opera House, which has a seating capacity of 350, was comfortably filled. From our stand point every chair appeared to be occupied, and standing room at a premium.

The audience was a thoroughly representative one. There were men grown gray in the service of the State, in war and peace, in whose breasts the fires of patriotism glow with undiminished brightness, and with them were young men who have just put on the full armor of life and who are ready to serve as well and bravely as their sires had done in stormier times. For nearly four solid hours the closest and most intelligent attention was given to the addresses of the candidates, who appeared to recognize the plain fact that they were campaigning in a better county than they had previously entered, and each of them did his very best to win the good graces of the four hundred listeners.

Col. A. Howard Patterson presided and introduced the aspirants for the Senatorial seat in this order, namely: G. W. Mayfield, Ex-Governor J. L. M. Irby, Ex-Governor J. C. Sheppard, Governor J. H. McLaurin.

And it was an hour and height a war of words as has been fought in Barnwell since the good days before the war. Each candidate appeared to be striking in all earnestness for the glittering prize, cutting the winner at the end of the race, and the earnestness with which the audience caught every good point and the live courtesy with which they listened so long and impartially appeared each to his best endeavor. All were friends and none by courting the favor flattered off hand, while others are not unknown and will make themselves further in going into the merits of men and measures before choosing whom they will support.

We are glad that the candidates came, for they found out when they didn't know before, how good a county Barnwell is and what a good people dwell within its borders. And from this day to good neighbors they ought to be better all the rest of their lives.

Blackville, S. C., July 13th, 1897.

To the Democrats of Barnwell County:

As my name has been mentioned in connection with the race for State Senator from this county to succeed Mr. Mayfield, and numbers of friends have generously and by letter suggested me to stand for the office, I think the time has come when I should speak definitely on the subject. I confess that for some time I was strongly inclined to yield to the solicitations of my friends and enter the race. After giving the subject much thought and examining it from every standpoint, I have concluded the conclusion not to run for the office. Long ago I announced to the public that I never expected to run for a political office again. I am no politician and am not versed with the ways of political maneuvering. I could not practice the arts of a politician if I would, and would not if I could. But beyond that, my business engagements are such that I could not discharge the duties of the senatorial office, without making sacrifices which I am unable to bear. As a patriotic citizen I am willing to make any reasonable sacrifice for the good of my fellow citizens, if the occasion required it, but as I now see it no such emergency exists. I have no doubt that other good citizens who have a greater fondness for political life than I, and who perhaps are casting "anchors to the windward" for something higher, will solicit your votes for the office, so that you will have the opportunity of making a good selection.

To those of my friends who have solicited me to make the race and were so kind as to give me flattering assurances of their support, I desire to express my heartfelt thanks and grateful remembrances. On their account I would have been glad if I could have seen my way clear to run, but I am only a lawyer and after so long a time devoted to that profession, I feel sure that the best results of my labor can only be wrought out in that field, and as I believe that every man ought to do the very best work that his environments will permit, I have reached the conclusion above announced.

Very Truly Yours,
Laurie T. Izlar.

THE COUNTY ALLIANCE.

The quarterly meeting of the County Alliance was held at Barnwell on Friday. Attendance and interest were greater than they have been in a long while, and the order has taken a new life. A number of sub-Alliances that were a little cautious during the long season and sent no delegations, sent a general and genuine purpose was seen to push forward and subsoil the good principles of the order, and having put their hands to the plough there will be no looking back. The former activity of some chosen officers seems to have lagged somewhat. Some of the Grange Masters, W. H. Grice, President, W. A. McMaster, Secretary, G. N. Askew, Lecturer, Frank H. Creech, Assistant Secretary, W. H. Dunaway, Door Keeper, W. H. Dunaway, Assistant Door Keeper.

Master Gilmer and his Brother of the Farmers' Exchange in all their dealings, I feel sure, will be perfectly fair and honorable with the Alliance. Brother Gilmer and his Brother Farmers of the Exchange have shown themselves to be good neighbors, they ought to be better all the rest of their lives.

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