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Jesse F. Carter's Chances For Election to Judgeship are Bright

Both branches of the South Carolina general assembly convened promptly at noon on Tuesday for the 1922 session in the capitol at Columbia. Early on Monday hordes of politicians, wire pullers, lobbyists, and almost everything else known to civilization moved on the state's capital city with a rush in anticipation of the coming election of an associate justice of the state's highest tribunal to succeed the late Geo. W. Gage, of Chester, who died during the 1921 session. As dignified and honorable as the position might be, the contest has as heretofore resolved itself into a wild scramble, political scramble in every sense of the word.

Both houses shortly after convening passed a resolution to begin balloting at noon today (Thursday), and continue at it until somebody is elected. It was evident beforehand that this procedure would be followed, as the sentiment of the members was to get through with the election if anything else is to be accomplished. The resolutions went through unanimously, and the leaders of the forces of the Hon. Jesse F. Carter are firmly of the opinion that if this plan had been adopted last year instead of taking only three ballots a day the Bamberg man would have been elected then. That it will have the same effect this time is another proposition and the result remains to be seen, because "Pigs is pigs," and politics is politics.

The outlook for Carter seems as bright and hopeful as ever, but no great change either favorable or otherwise can be forecast at present, nor before the first balloting tomorrow. Many members are freely predicting another prolonged deadlock while others frankly prophesy an election very quickly. The writer, personally acquainted with nearly every member of the general assembly, is frank to say that he has detected no appreciable changes in the stand of the members. Mr. Carter has more than held his ground during the year and probably has gained renewed strength. He will take the lead on the first ballot. It is evident that Bonham, Marion, and Shipp will follow in the order named, with Judge Shipp never having a shadow of chance of election, and his leaders again, as last year, doing him a grave injustice to allow his name to remain before the assembly.

Dark horse rumors are not as rampant as last year, and it seems practically certain that the only men to be voted on at the start will be the four who sustained the doctrine of the survival of the fittest last year, already mentioned above. The report is current that Judge Shipp's name either will not be offered or will be withdrawn early as he fails to develop more strength than last year, which failure is a foregone conclusion. In the event of his nomination being withdrawn his votes will probably be about evenly divided between the other three, with Carter assured of getting his share.

The Cooper boom has smashed on the rocks, and even if a dark horse should be trotted in at any time it is not likely that the governor has a fast enough record to pace the gates and his champions realize it. Two others have been mentioned but very little at all along this line is heard and the idea to start with is to elect one of the leaders already in the race. This will certainly be done if possible. Mr. Carter's supporters from every section of the state are working faithfully, practically the whole Bamberg bar have been zealous and on the job here in his interest, his chances are fully as good or better than ever, and if they beat him they will say they had the fight of their lives doing it, although it is conceded that the corporations and the state's shrewdest politicians are lined up in the ranks of his opponents.

BABY AS COLLATERAL.

Landlady Wants It Until Board Bill is Paid.

Rome, Ga., Jan. 6.—One of the most unusual law suits ever filed in the courts of this section appeared in Chattooga county today, when a boarding housekeeper asked authority for holding a baby as collateral for a bill due by the father.

The complaint charges that the father promised the landlady that she could keep the child until his bill was paid, and that now he is attempting to recover it, hence she seeks an injunction against him. The parents of the child are divorced.

Real Property Levy Can be Reduced

Columbia, Jan. 7.—By changes in the organization of existing State agencies, deferring of building programmes and other permanent improvements for the present year, reorganization of the state's fiscal administration and the levying of new taxes for additional revenue, the joint legislative committee on economy and consolidation, authorized by a joint resolution of the last general assembly, in its report to the legislature estimates that the levy on real property can be reduced from 12 mills in 1921 to 4 mills in 1922.

The committee estimates that the changes will total \$500,000 yearly, deferred building and improvement programmes will reduce the taxes this year by \$750,000, adjustments in the fiscal system will insure a further saving of \$100,000 and new tax laws will increase the revenue \$3,435,000 annually.

Below is a tabulation of figures showing exactly where the joint legislative committee recommends the cutting down of expenses and the saving of \$511,850 for the state government in 1922:

Adjutant General's office	\$ 1,200
Department of Agriculture	11,500
Attorney General's office	500
Bank Examiner's office	1,000
Catawba Indians	5,200
Game Warden's office	75,000
Citadel	10,000
Negro college	3,000
Comptroller General's office	7,500
Confederate Home college	4,000
Confederate infirmary	5,000
Electricians office	600
Feeble-minded school	5,000
Health board	11,000
Highway commission	15,150
State hospital	59,000
Industrial school (boys)	28,000
Industrial school (girls)	5,000
Insurance department	17,500
Law examiners	250
Legislative department	10,000
Library	250
Medical college	1,500
Penitentiary	50,000
Pharmaceutical examiners	400
Public service	2,000
Reformatory (negro)	16,000
Secretary of State	3,000
Sinking fund commission	2,800
State fair	5,000
State house and grounds	6,500
Tax commission	5,000
Treasurer	3,000
University of South Carolina	25,000
Welfare board	75,000
Central purchase of supplies	50,000
Total	\$511,850

BYRNES ATTACKS BOARD.

Opposes Idea of Elaborate Headquarters in New York.

Washington, Jan. 6.—An attack was made today in the house by Representatives Byrnes, Democrat of South Carolina, on the Federal Reserve Board, which, he said, planned to construct, at a cost of \$25,000,000, an elaborate headquarters in New York city, with a gymnasium, club, auditorium and other "extravagant features."

"Such a building will do more to incite Bolshevism than anything else," Mr. Byrnes declared, adding that he intended to introduce a bill requiring the Federal Reserve Board to submit all estimates for expenditures to congress through the Budget Bureau, so there would be a check on its spendings.

FIND UNIQUE STILL.

Man and Wife Released on \$500 Bond Each.

Barnwell, Jan. 4.—Sheriff C. Keys Sanders and Constable P. W. Parker found a unique "still" Saturday morning when they raided the home of Quincy Diamond, about two and a half miles from Barnwell. The apparatus, which was located in the loft of the house, consisted of a kerosene stove and a copper boiler, and is said to have been neatly and conveniently arranged. It is alleged that the still was hot when captured.

Diamond and his wife, Mrs. Ella Diamond, were arrested on the charge of violating the prohibition law and furnished bond in the sum of \$500 each.

Women's auxiliary of the American Legion has 126,000 members. Personal exemptions of \$1,000 or \$2,000, does not alter the requirement to file a return of gross income, if such gross income equalled or exceeded \$5,000.

30,000,000 Pounds of Tobacco Signed

Florence, Jan. 6.—Returning tonight from the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Marketing association meeting in Raleigh, T. B. Young announced immediate plans for electing officers and organizing in South Carolina. This state is entitled to two directors for whose election the tobacco belt has been divided into two districts as follows: District 1—Florence, Dillon, Georgetown, Marlboro, Marion and Horry counties. District 2—Darlington, Lee, Sumter, Clarendon, Williamsburg, Berkeley, Dorchester and all others growing tobacco.

January 30, each district will have a convention of member growers who will elect delegates on the basis of one for each 1,000,000 pounds under contract. February 2 these delegates will meet at district headquarters and elect a director on the basis of one director for each 15,000,000 pounds.

South Carolina tobacco growers contracted 30,000,000 pounds in the Tri-State association. Mr. Young announced tonight this represents around 4,000 planters, many of whom signed for several tenants. The sign-up is two and one-half million in excess of the quota.

Contracts will be accepted until February 2, when the directors will take charge and make further policies, Mr. Young states. Contracts must be signed prior to January 30, to participate in the election. The meeting in Raleigh mentioned especially the support of the South Carolina press and passed a highly commendation resolution in favor of them. The extension service was commended highly also in a special resolution, reports Mr. Young.

Governor Cooper will be asked to name a representative of the public from South Carolina to the tri-state directorate. Similar representatives will be named from North Carolina and Virginia by their governors.

CHURCH AFFILIATION.

Large Representation for Churches in Both Houses of Congress.

That the churches are well represented in both houses of congress is evidenced by a statement issued by the board of temperance, prohibition, and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church, which recently made a survey and issued the following statement today:

Out of a total of 435 members of congress, 24 are non-members, and church affiliation of 98 could not be ascertained. The following are the church affiliations:

United Brethren, Mormon, Independent, Mennonite, Dutch Reformed, Evangelical have one member each. There are two Universalists. There are three members of the Quaker church and three of the Jewish church. Five Unitarians, 10 Disciples, 16 Lutherans, 11 Christians, 18 Catholics, 23 Congregationalists, 35 Episcopalians, 29 Baptists, 56 Presbyterians and 99 Methodists.

In the senate the survey showed that out of a total of 96 senators the church affiliation of 23 was unknown and four were non-members. There was one Protestant Episcopalian, one Christian. The Lutherans, Dutch Reformed, Unitarians and Mormons all have two members each. There are 6 Catholics and 6 Baptists, 7 Congregationalists, 11 Presbyterians, 12 Episcopalians and 17 Methodists.

Forges Own Parole.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 31.—C. A. Leon, alias R. W. Jones, serving from two to three years in the state prison for second degree forgery, forged his way to freedom from the Aldrich prison camp yesterday, according to the state convict department.

Leon was hospital steward at the camp. He obtained an official order on file and erased the name of a paroled convict, substituting his own. It was accepted by the authorities at the camp and Leon walked out on a ten days parole.

Leon was convicted in Montgomery county and began serving his sentence on February 25.

Safe and Sane.

It is reported that on humanitarian grounds America has decided to give up playing football and get back to the old-fashioned lynchings.—Punch (London).

Will Build Highway From Bamberg to Fitz's Bridge

DEATH OF GRAND OLD MAN.

Colonel Darlington Dies in Allendale. Led Life of Service.

Allendale, Jan. 8.—Col. William R. Darlington, "Grand Old Man" of Allendale county, died at his home here this morning at 4 o'clock. His death was not unexpected, as he had been a sufferer for the last seven months from a stroke of paralysis received last June.

The funeral will be held at the Methodist church here Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, followed by interment in Swallow Savannah cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Rev. S. W. Henry, pastor.

Colonel Darlington was in his 80th year. He was born near Dunbarton in Barnwell county in 1842 and up until the last year of his life took an active interest in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of his community. He was in many ways the most influential citizen in this section of the state. He was the first chairman of the board of commissioners which directed the efforts to form the county of Allendale, efforts which came to fruition in 1919. At the time of his death he was chairman of the county pension board and also a member of the county board of commissioners.

The vigor which Colonel Darlington directed to civic affairs was also reflected in his keen business acumen and driving power and accumulated for him much valuable city and plantation property.

The Tax Question Big Item at Capitol

The one subject of paramount importance and interest in the minds of the members of the state legislature now beginning its annual session in Columbia is the tax question and a proper adjustment thereof.

Every legislator, every senator, every man connected in any way with the general assembly is talking taxes, taxes, taxes. The burden of over taxation being borne by the people has evidently been brought to bear upon the members very heavily. The house of representatives immediately after being called to order by its presiding officer and going through the first roll call was led in prayer by its chaplain, and then in the opening address delivered by the Hon. J. B. Atkinson, of Spartanburg, speaker of the house, the tax proposition was dealt on at length, it practically being the sole topic of discussion. Of course everybody is in favor of reducing the appropriation and decreasing the levy, but it's like saying one favors good roads; we all do, but the difficult part is to effect a means to meet this untimely situation; it's easy to tell what to do, but how to do it is the point that is perplexing the best minds in the legislature.

It is certain from the early sentiment that something will be done to remedy matters, but just what remains to be seen. Some talk is being heard in regard to a measure to make the bad check laws more stringent. And Representative Riley, of Denmark, has a bill to introduce which, if passed, will require the railroads to erect in Denmark a handsome modern passenger station.

It is not known whether the Coast Line will be made to operate its trains into the proposed new station there or not. These are all the matters thus far of local interest save the election.

Byrnes Speaks in Pennsylvania.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Hon. James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina, has returned from Williamsport, Pa., where he spoke at the Jackson Day banquet. He did this at the request of Chairman Rouse of the Democratic congressional committee, who was swamped with demands for Democratic speakers for occasions of this kind in many towns and cities. Mr. Byrnes is serving his sixth consecutive term in congress, though still a young man. He is not only a very entertaining after-dinner speaker, but is known among his colleagues as one of the ablest debaters in the house. He is a member of the great committee on appropriations. Since the creation of the budget system the importance of this committee, though always great, has been much increased.

Now is the Time.

The county supervisor, commissioners and legislative delegation came to an agreement last week in regard to the construction of the Charleston and Augusta highway from Bamberg to the crossing of Edisto river at Fitz's bridge, a few miles below Branchville. The state highway department has been advised of the action of the county authorities, and the commission has been requested to prepare estimates and complete the work of surveying as early as possible, so that the contract may be awarded at an early date. It is hoped to have this road completed by or before the fall of the year.

The state highway commission has been very anxious to have this road built for some time past. Federal aid to the usual extent of fifty per cent. has been assured up to \$15,000, which, it is believed, will cover half the cost of the road, and in the event of the cost going beyond \$30,000, it is believed that additional aid may be secured, though no definite promise to this effect has been secured.

It will be grateful and pleasing news to the residents of the portion of county through which this road traverses to know that it is now settled that the Branchville road will be built. This road has been an eyesore and a menace to travelers for years. In view of the fact that the county authorities have been expecting to build the road with federal aid for some years past, no great expenditures have been made in the way of repairing, and the foundation of the road was such that temporary repairs did very little good. It was really expected that this road would have been built long ago, but conditions arose which made it impossible to carry on the work.

County Supervisor W. B. Smoak has been very much interested in the building of this road, and in the face of obstacles has gone ahead with his plans, and he is now delighted that the matter is settled definitely. The delegation has likewise labored to overcome the obstacles in the way, and everything has now been cleared up with the exception of the securing of the proper right of way for necessary changes in the road, such as straightening out, etc. However, Mr. Smoak is devoting this week to getting the rights of way signed up, and is apprehending no trouble in getting all parties to agree to give the rights to the county. Already a number of plantation owners have granted the necessary rights, and before the week is over Mr. Smoak hopes to have the entire route clear. The road measures approximately fourteen miles in length, and with its completion there will be a government highway practically the entire way from Augusta to Branchville.

NEWBERRY FIRM VICTIM.

Name of Cashier of Nat. Gist Cotton Company Forged.

Newberry, Jan. 10.—A bold check for \$10,000 was cashed at the bank in the telephone booth of Nat Gist's cotton office some time between 8 o'clock Monday night and 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Today, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock he walked into the Commercial bank and presented a check for \$215.80 signed by Nat Gist Cotton company, per Robertson. Mr. Robertson is the bookkeeper who signs the checks for Mr. Gist. The man was asked to endorse the check. He wrote the name of J. T. Henderson, whereupon the cashier paid him the amount of the check. He then went to the Exchange bank and presented a check for \$876.40 signed by Nat Gist Cotton company, per Robertson. When asked to endorse the check he affixed the name of J. F. Hailey. He was paid \$276.40 and deposited \$600 to his credit. He left Newberry with \$482.20 in cash. The man was described as being about five feet six inches high. He wore a yellow sweater and had a coat with a fur collar. He had a round face almost like a dollar. Mr. Gist does not know how the man entered the office. Mr. Gist was in his office about 8 o'clock Monday night.

"You know so much," she cooed. "You seem to know everything." She considered the weighty thought for a moment.

"I'll bet you even know what kind of a pearl necklace I want for Christmas," she said.—Buffalo Commercial.