

### Former Senator Replies to Speech of Solicitor Beck.

Senator John L. McLaurin was recently urged by the attorney general of North Dakota to make a speaking tour of the state and discuss vital problems of the day. He replied as follows:

Bennettsville, S. C., Oct. 7, 1921.  
Hon. Wm. Lenke, Atty. Gen'l.,  
Bismarck, N. D.

My Dear Sir: It is a source of sincere regret that I am unable at this time to accept your invitation to deliver a series of speeches in North Dakota. I recall most pleasantly the many delightful acquaintances I made on a former occasion.

The radical action of the Federal Reserve Board in 1920 brought ruin to many agricultural sections in the United States. South Carolina is suffering just as you are and from the same cause.

In broad sense, this country is in the throes of a revolution, but as yet we have not fully realized it. The present civilization reached its climax on the day the armistice was signed and mighty changes are before us.

I am no sensationalist, and I am too old to enjoy the sound of an alarm bell, but I do feel sure that unless present conditions and tendencies are speedily changed; distress and violence in this country, within the next ten years, will work a ruin to which the less and damage of the great war will seem puny by comparison.

I have just read a thoughtful address delivered by Hon. Jas. M. Beck, solicitor general, to the Bar Association in Cincinnati. Its subject is, "Our Lawless Age."

Mr. Beck refers to the unprecedented challenge the world over, "to all constituted authority," reaching the great "primitive institutions of mankind like the family, the church and the state." It is a powerful address but I think Mr. Beck is wrong, in that he attributes this condition entirely to moral or spiritual causes. He does refer to the "aversion to work so prevalent everywhere," and this is the key to the problem. My own belief being that it is fundamentally a "rebellion" against an industrial system, which denies to the Creators of our wealth, a fair share of the product of their toil.

He says that the individual is no longer the unit of society, which is absolutely true. The class of combination has succeeded individualism. A logical sequence of this age of trusts. We are finding that in this era, accumulation comes thru co-operation. Association in the future will be the dominating principle of civilization.

The genesis of all these troubles is, that under the present system there is association only for favored classes. Therefore all property naturally gravitates toward the already rich. If Mr. Beck had come into contact for 25 years as I have, with the madhills, he would see that the agitation and discontent of one generation was now making itself felt in deeds rather than words, and that the moral and spiritual manifestations were merely the reflex of material conditions.

The subtle, unseen and unconscious working of the masses for the enthronement in government of the principle of association for all mankind instead of favored classes. It makes it an iconoclastic age. The incessant brooding over wrong has ever been the tremendous lever which from age to age has lifted mankind from one epoch into another. A mighty evolutionary force is now at work, and "the rebellion against constituted authority" with the moral and spiritual convulsions, which excite the attention of scholars like Mr. Beck, are only the tremors which precede the earthquake shock and the final setting down. I believe in an over ruling God. We are in the "wilderness" now, but I know that when we are being prepared thru sorrow and suffering; over the Jordan lies the promised land, if not for us, for our children's children.

Take your financial trouble in North Dakota. They are of a kind which are occurring in every agricultural section of the United States. Troubles which are directly traceable to the administration of the Federal Reserve banking law, in the interest of a small favored class of our citizens.

The report of the comptroller of the currency shows that four or five times as much money was loaned to national banks in New York and Chicago in proportion to their resources, as to all the country banks in proportion to their resources.

The federal reserve act in theory is

has been the most rapacious and autocratic with which our people have ever been cursed. While Mr. Beck was talking about "the rebellion against constituted authority," he seems blind to the cruel and flagrant violation of the spirit of this law, by these so highly placed as to be above law and immune to punishment.

The banks where there was no distress were lavishly supplied with money and credit, while the country banks were hamstrung. The products of their customers were suddenly forced on a declining market. Our cotton fell from 43 cents to 8 cents, rendering the collateral worthless to protect advances made by the country banks.

Mr. John Sinton Williams, ex-governor of the currency, deserves the thanks of all good citizens for his splendid courage in exposing the injustice and holding its authors up to public reprobation. In his testimony he said four or five large banks in New York were borrowing at one time from the Federal Reserve as much as four or five thousand banks in western and southern sections embracing 21 agricultural states.

In replying to Mr. Williams, the chairman of the Board beclouded the issue, by stating that in October, 1920, the Board did grant \$712,000,000 of discounts, but he neglected to state that \$500,000,000 were dispensed thru the already overloaned banks of these big cities. In addition to this the official figures show that four banks in New York were loaned twice as much as the maximum amount loaned at any one time on agricultural paper in 1920.

Mr. Williams also makes the statement that country banks were carrying two billion more loans than all the banks in New York, Chicago and St. Louis. What sinister purpose could have inspired the piling up of all the money of the country in three big cities, except to have donation entirely at the expense of agriculture.

Your state is purely agricultural and of course your new banking plan was hit hard with the rest of us, and your political enemies are trying to hold you responsible, but I believe the farmers, are too intelligent to swallow such rot. I do not believe there is a clearer, more honest or patriotic man in public life than Governor Frazier. With kindest regards and best wishes.

JOHN L. McLAURIN.

### TRESPASS NOTICE

We, the undersigned hereby prohibit all persons from hunting, fishing, cutting timber or trespassing in any manner upon our lands, under full penalty of the law.

- Mrs. Emma Lathem and sons.
- J. N. Lark
- W. B. Collins
- Luther Boggs
- Mrs. Ora Mauldin
- Grady Reese
- D. M. Nix
- C. B. Nix
- J. E. Nix
- J. L. Murphee
- John Gillespie
- J. M. Gillespie
- J. D. Stansell
- G. E. Kennemore
- J. A. Hunnicutt
- Frank Lewis
- L. P. Stevens
- E. G. Childress
- G. W. Brezeale
- J. C. Stewart
- Jackson Cassell
- W. P. Davis
- W. A. Davis
- Elijah Winchester
- J. H. Powers
- J. B. Powers
- B. H. Powers
- Dave Parrott
- W. E. Ellenburg
- E. W. Brazeale
- T. A. Hitt
- B. E. Haynes
- Lannie Grant
- J. A. Chappell
- Will Cooper

### Notice of Final Settlement and Discharge

Notice is hereby given that we will make application to N. A. Christopher Esq., Judge of Probate for Pickens county, in the State of South Carolina, on the 22nd day of December, 1921, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the Personal estate of O. T. Jones, deceased, and obtain discharge as Executors of said estate.

M. G. Jones  
M. W. Jones  
Executors.

### COUNTY TAX NOTICE

The books for the collection of State and County taxes will be open from October 15, 1921, to December 31st, 1921.

Those who prefer to can pay in January, 1922, with 1 per cent additional. Those who prefer paying in February, 1922, may do so with 2 per cent additional. Those who prefer paying in March 1922, to the 15th of said month, may do so by an addition of 7 per cent. After said date the books will close.

Those who do not wish to come to the office can write me and I will furnish them with the amount due and they can remit me by check, money order or registered mail. Please do not send money without registering same, as it is liable to get lost and it is at senders risk.

State Levy, 12 mills.  
Ord. Co., 9 mills.  
Const. School, 3 mills.  
Road Bond 3 3-4 mills.  
Good Roads, 2 mills.  
Special Road, 6 1-4 mills.  
Total, 36 mills.  
Road Tax, \$3.00.  
Levy for interest on Pickens R. R. Bonds, Hurricane township, 2 mills.  
Levy for interest on Pickens R. R. Bonds, Eastatoe township, 2 mills.  
Levy for interest on Pickens R. R. Bonds, Pickens township, 2 mills.  
Poll tax \$1.00. (One Dollar.)  
Every male person between the ages of 21 to 60 years is liable except those excused by law.  
Commutation Road Tax, \$3.00. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are liable, except those excused by law.  
Capitation Dog Tax \$1.25. All persons owning dogs are required to pay a tax of \$1.25 on each dog.

### Special School Tax by Districts.

- District No. 1, 7 mills.
  - District No. 2, 11 mills.
  - District No. 3, 8 mills.
  - District No. 4, 8 mills.
  - District No. 5, 8 mills.
  - District No. 6, 8 mills.
  - District No. 7, 8 mills.
  - District No. 8, 19 1-2 mills.
  - District No. 9, 20 mills.
  - District No. 10, 11 mills.
  - District No. 11, 24 mills.
  - District No. 12, 10 mills.
  - District No. 13, 15 1-2 mills.
  - District No. 14, 8 mills.
  - District No. 15, None.
  - District No. 16, 8 mills.
  - District No. 17, 20 mills.
  - District No. 18, 14 mills.
  - District No. 19, 8 mills.
  - District No. 20, 11 mills.
  - District No. 21, 8 mills.
  - District No. 22, 8 mills.
  - District No. 23, 10 mills.
  - District No. 24, 10 mills.
  - District No. 25, 11 mills.
  - District No. 26, 13 mills.
  - District No. 27, 8 mills.
  - District No. 28, 8 mills.
  - District No. 29, 10 mills.
  - District No. 30, 8 mills.
  - District No. 31, 20 mills.
  - District No. 32, 8 mills.
  - District No. 33, 11 1-2 mills.
  - District No. 35, 8 mills.
  - District No. 36, 10 mills.
  - District No. 37, 13 mills.
  - District No. 38, 16 mills.
  - District No. 39, 8 mills.
  - District No. 40, 8 mills.
  - District No. 41, 8 mills.
  - District No. 42, 18 mills.
  - District No. 44, 8 mills.
  - District No. 45, 4 mills.
  - District No. 46, 15 mills.
  - District No. 47, 8 mills.
  - District No. 48, 8 mills.
  - District No. 49, 15 mills.
  - District No. 50, 8 mills.
  - District No. 51, 8 mills.
  - District No. 52, 8 mills.
  - District No. 55, 8 mills.
  - District No. 56, 8 mills.
- O. T. Hinton,  
County Treasurer.

### TRESPASS NOTICE

We, the undersigned, hereby warn all persons not to hunt birds on our land, under the penalty of the law.

- Charlie Childress
- T. B. Robinson
- J. M. Brazeale
- P. M. Brazeale
- O. C. Crenshaw
- J. L. Hunter
- J. A. H. Townes
- S. L. Simmons
- J. T. Massingill
- W. M. Martin
- Mr. Harper
- J. B. Brazeale
- Frank Brazeale
- W. P. Long

### BASKETS OF CANDY FOR CHRISTMAS

Any amount of candy in large variety, attractively packed in baskets tied with red and green ribbons; make ideal Christmas gifts. Phone order to Mrs. Gary Hott, phone No. 44, or to Pickens Drug Co., phone No. 8.

### CRATION

The State of South Carolina. County of Pickens.

By N. A. Christopher Probate Judge.

Whereas, S. K. Hendricks, made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Mrs. Ann Roe.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Ann Roe deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Pickens Court House on 16th day of December next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 1st day of December Anno Domini 1921.

N. A. Christopher, Judge of Probate.

### Notice to Debtors and Creditors

All persons holding claims against the estate of the late F. M. Rogers must present the same, duly proven, on or before the 16th day of December, 1921, or be debarred payment; and all persons indebted to the said estate must make payment on or before the above date to Mrs. Mary M. Rogers or Marcus M. Rogers.

Mrs. Mary M. Rogers  
Marcus M. Rogers  
Executors

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Headquarters for Sash, Doors and Mouldings.  
We have a nice line of Builders' Hardware.  
Can furnish odd sizes to order.

Let us make you a price on anything you need in the building line.

A few thousand brick at the right price.

### MULES AND HORSES

Just received a car load of the best kind that could be bought. I ask all my friends and customers to call and see them, whether they buy or not.

I am selling for a small profit and will treat you right. You come to my barn and I will give you a square deal. You will find me at the W. P. Nimmons old stand on the corner of South Fair Play Street.

### J. B. ROBINSON

Seneca, S. C.

W. P. NIMMONS OLD STAND.

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### FIREWORKS

Our line of Christmas fruits, candies, nuts and fruit cake ingredients, is complete and fresh.

We also have fine line of fireworks.

Eat at our restaurant when in Pickens. Cold drinks, smokes, etc.

### J. C. ALEXANDER, - - PICKENS

## Beautiful Holiday Goods

Just received a big line of Rings, Pearl Beads, Card Cases, Mesh Bags, Brooches, Bar Pins, La Vallieres, Watch Chains, Gold Handle Knives, Cigarette Cases, Cuff Links, Diamond Set Tie Pins, Watches, in Men's and Ladies, Bracelet Watches.

These, with our already big line of Jewelry, makes it easy to select just the right gift for him or her.

Remember, we are giving 25 per cent off our entire line of Jewelry, Watches, Clocks and Silverware.

Come in and let us save you money on your Christmas Gifts.

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