

## LAURENS MILLS CONTROL CHANGED.

### President Lucas and Board Directors Resign.

### MILLIKEN BOARD IN.

N. B. Dial of Laurens Chosen President W. S. Montgomery of Spartanburg Treasurer and Manager.

Mr. W. W. Ball of the News and Courier, who was in Laurens last Thursday for the meeting of the board of directors of the Laurens Cotton Mills, sent the following account of the meeting to his paper:

Laurens, April 12.—Special: The incumbent, Mr. Lucas, board of directors of the Laurens Cotton Mills, held its expiring meeting this afternoon its six members present one by one resigning and filling vacancies as they were made at the dictation of the Milliken firm of cotton mill agents, who, with their allies, have bought a controlling interest in the property.

The Milliken board at once met and elected N. B. Dial, of Laurens, president of the mill company, and Walter S. Montgomery, of Spartanburg, president of the Spartan Mills, manager and treasurer. The retirement of the Lucas board was pursuant to an agreement by which the Millikens purchased 500 shares of the stock of Lucas and his friends.

The cause of this agreement on the part of the Lucas board was stated by the retiring directors to be due solely to the illness of Mr. Lucas, and they further stated in writing that they believed that, barring his illness in the present emergency, a change of administration would be to the disadvantage of the stockholders.

When the meeting of the old board began Messrs. C. C. Featherstone, Joseph E. Sirrine, of Greenville; W. M. Bird and W. W. Ball, of Charleston; J. D. M. Shaw, of Laurens, and Alex Long, of Darlington, were present. Mr. Featherstone presided.

The board first, unanimously and by a rising vote, endorsed the administration of W. E. Lucas and placed on record its unqualified belief that the "remarkable success" of the company was to be attributed to the "industry, faithfulness and character" of A statement, signed by the Milliken firm, was then read, stating that the books of the company had been examined by an auditor, representing them, and that they were found satisfactory, this statement releasing the retiring board and Mr. Lucas of all responsibility in connection with the property.

A vacancy already existing on the board, G. H. Milliken, of New York, was elected to fill it. He entered, Mr. Bird then arose and announced his resignation. Mr. Milliken proposed Walter S. Montgomery, of Spartanburg, to succeed him, and he was elected and ushered in. Then in turn the other members resigned and the Milliken additional nominees as follows were elected: John B. Cleveland, H. A. Hatch of the Milliken firm, Seth M. Milliken, head of the Milliken firm, and N. B. Dial, J. O. C. Fleming and J. Wells Todd, of Laurens.

Mr. Featherstone presented the resignation of Mr. Lucas last and then resigned himself.

Mr. John B. Cleveland was chosen chairman of the new board. Before the old board retired from the room Mr. Sirrine stated formally to the new board that inasmuch as Mr. Lucas had been criticized for building for the company a swimming pool and a stable on the premises of the president's residence and buying an adjoining lot, all being real estate of the company and the improvements, that he personally stood ready to purchase these premises and improvements at their cost, \$8,750, simply because he regarded them a good investment.

Other supporters of Mr. Lucas voluntarily joined Mr. Sirrine in his offer. It was taken under advisement by the new board.

While the old board endorsed the Lucas administration with emphasis, the fact that the annual statement for the year ending March 31 shows net profits for the year of a little more than one hundred thousand dollars will be even more convincing. They leave the mill with a net surplus of \$98,678.94, and during the twelve months the mill has paid its two usual six per cent semi-annual dividends on the capital stock of \$350,000. Members of the old board say that the company, by selling through the commission firms of Stevens & Co. at 2 per cent, saved for the stockholders between 4 and 5 per cent. on the entire capital stock in the year. It is further understood that relations between the Stevens or 2 per cent firm were mutually advantageous and would have been continued under a Lucas administration. What position the new controllers of the property and the stockholders will assume remains to be seen. Mr. Cleveland, of the new board, expressed the desire that differences between the contending factions be forgotten, and Mr. Sirrine responded in a similar vein.

The health of Mr. Lucas continues to improve, and he will, of course, remain in charge of the Watte Mills.

Mr. S. M. Milliken was not present at the meeting.

The offices of the president and treasurer have heretofore been united in one person, and the manager has not heretofore existed.

The new president, Mr. Dial, has been the Millikens' legal attorney, and is president of the Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company and the Enterprise Bank of Laurens.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Allie Sexton is visiting at Glenn Springs this week.

Mr. John C. Davis, of Clinton, spent Friday in the city.

Mr. H. D. Winn of Waterloo was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Wash Drummond of Lanford was in the city yesterday.

Mr. Bluford Putnam of Owings Station was in town Monday.

Prof. H. B. Dominick of Fountain Inn was in the city Saturday.

Messrs. Chas. W. and J. Arthur Taylor spent Sunday at Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Peden of Gray Court spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Katherine Jones is at Manning visiting her sister, Mrs. Brunson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Watts of Mountville were in the city Monday.

Mr. R. H. Young is spending this week at Fountain Inn and Greenville.

Mr. Zach Gray and sons were in town Monday from the Alma section.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Milam of Cole Point were in town Monday shopping.

Dr. J. R. Culbertson of Rapley attended the Pythian festivities Monday night.

Mr. John H. Turner and family, of Enoree, visited in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. N. C. Smith and J. A. W. Burdette of Youngs were in the city Monday.

Mr. S. G. Howell of Union visited his son, Mr. Kelly Howell, in the city this week.

Mrs. W. H. Gikerson is at Union this week, the guest of Mrs. Benj. F. Townsend.

Miss Katherine Copeland of Stateville, N. C. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Copeland.

Miss Fannie Hatton of Renno is spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Copeland.

Dr. W. C. Irby attended a meeting of the Industrial School commission in Columbia this week.

Mrs. Claude Fuller entertained the members of the Fortnightly Social Club Saturday afternoon.

Mr. J. W. Workman and Miss Bessie Workman of Cross Hill township were in the city Saturday.

Mr. J. P. Ballew of Spartanburg visited his brother, Mr. J. T. A. Ballew, of Lisbon, this week.

Dr. William Smith of Glenn Springs visited his sister, Mrs. J. R. Minter during the past week.

Mrs. H. B. Kennedy and children returned Saturday from a visit to relatives at Fountain Inn.

Rev. John H. Washington of Furman University held Easter services at the Lanford Baptist Church.

Mr. R. H. Grenaker, city editor of the Laurensville Herald, is spending this week with friends in Newberry.

Mr. Moore Sullivan of Spartanburg spent Easter with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jared D. Sullivan, near the city.

Mr. Samuel Bolt, Mrs. William Bolt and Miss Sallie Bolt of the Rabun Creek section were in the city Monday.

Mr. Jocky P. Saxon, a prominent farmer of Laurens county, was in the city yesterday.—Spartanburg Herald, April 13

Capt. W. A. McClintock and J. E. Cosby are representing Old Field Church at the meeting of Presbytery at Clinton.

Mrs. J. R. Little went to Rock Hill Saturday to spend a few days with her daughter, Miss Ina Little, who is a student at Winthrop.

Misses Jeanne Palham of Newberry and Kate Lovell of Houston, Texas, were the guests during the Easter tide of Miss Jennie Sullivan.

Drs. H. K. Aiken, W. D. Ferguson and W. H. Dial went to Columbia yesterday to attend the annual meeting of the State Medical association.

Rev. J. T. Taylor of Wares Shoals is at Clifton, Spartanburg county, this week, assisting the Rev. T. H. Harrison, pastor of the Baptist Church, in a revival meeting.

Mr. A. M. Robertson of Equality, Anderson county, attended the burial of his brother, Mr. Reuben Robertson, last Thursday and remained over in the city for several days.

Mr. A. C. Todd, one of the young members of the Laurens bar, will be one of the speakers upon the occasion of the commencement exercises of the Gray Court-Owings Institute April 27.

Mr. Jas. H. Machen, a ministerial student at Furman University, spent Friday night in the city with relatives. Mr. Machen preaches twice a month at Antioch Baptist Church, near Greenwood, and was on his way to that point to hold Easter services.

Mr. Clifton Babb and family of Tryon, N. C., spent several days in the city during the past week. About the first of May, Mr. Babb and Dr. Christopher, brother of Dr. A. J. Christopher, expect to open up a drug store at Landrum.

All smart up-to-date women of to-day, know how to bake, wash, sing and to play.

Without these talents a wife is N. G. Unless she takes Rocky Mountain Tea. Ask your druggist.

## Y. M. C. A. WORKERS TO BE HERE SUNDAY.

Three Prominent Representatives of the Association Will Have Charge of all the Church Services.

On next Sunday the services at the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches for the entire day will be given over to representatives of the Young Men's Christian Association of the two Carolinas. The day is to be known as "Young Men's Sunday."

These association workers who are to come to Laurens on this occasion are the Rev. G. C. Huntington of Charlotte, N. C., general secretary of the association for North and South Carolina, Mr. A. C. Bridgman, also of Charlotte and assistant to the general secretary, and Prof. B. E. Geer of Furman University.

The regular Sunday morning service will be held at each Church with Mr. Bridgman in charge of the service at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Mr. Huntington at the Methodist and Prof. Geer at the Baptist.

At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon Mr. Bridgman will address a meeting of men only at the Methodist Church. In the evening, beginning at eight, union services will be held at the Presbyterian Church. It is not announced who will do the talking at this service, but the meeting no doubt will be the largest of the day and of equal if not greater interest.

## Revival Services.

Rev. M. W. Hook, pastor of the First Methodist Church, announced last Sunday that a series of revival services would be held at that Church next week, beginning on Tuesday evening.

The meeting will be conducted by the Rev. H. G. Scudder, assisted by Mr. Hook. Mr. Scudder recently held a most successful meeting at Bennettsville and at present he is engaged in a very fine meeting in Greenville at the Buncombe Street Methodist Church.

## Cross Anchor Citizen Dead.

Mr. Mike Patton, one of the most highly respected citizens of Spartanburg county and for the past several years Magistrate of Cross Anchor township, died of pneumonia at his home Sunday night. Mr. Patton was about 65 years old. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Angie DeShields of this county, and a large family of children, among whom are Mrs. Downs Glenn of Huntington, Dr. Brooks Patton of Cross Anchor and Mr. Claude Patton of Enoree.

## A Strong Missionary.

After attending the sessions of Enoree Presbytery, before which body he will speak this evening at Clinton, the Rev. G. W. Painter, a returned missionary from China, will continue his lecturing tour, appearing at Woodruff April 26th and at other points in Spartanburg and Union counties later. His presentation of conditions in China is at once appealing and convincing. His lecture in the Presbyterian Church here Wednesday evening was thoroughly appreciated.

## Death of Mrs. Bowie.

Mrs. Warren Bolt's sister, Mrs. Willie Godbold Bowie, whose critical illness was noted in THE ADVERTISER last week, died at her home in Abbeville, Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock. Mrs. Bowie was known here, where she has frequently visited. She was the wife of Mr. Jas. S. Bowie and had been married only a few years.

## Odd Fellows to Meet.

The Odd Fellows are to have a big meeting in the city on Saturday evening, the 28th inst. It is on the occasion of the eighty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the Order in America. Calhoun Lodge has invited the Fountain Inn, Woodruff, Enoree, Clinton and Newberry Lodges to be present.

## Divine Services.

Rev. A. R. Mitchell of Greenville will hold divine services at the Church of the Epiphany, Thursday afternoon at 4:30 and at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Supervisor for Laurens County and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic Primary.

J. B. COSBY.

A liver makes a lazy man. Burdock Blood Bitters is the natural, never failing remedy for a lazy liver.

## PRETTY HOME WEDDING.

Nuptials of Miss Mary Boyd and Mr. Samuel Talley Celebrated.

Miss Mary Anderson Boyd and Mr. Samuel Barksdale Talley, of Tryon, N. C., were married at the bride's home in this city last Wednesday at half past 12 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Robert Adams, of the First Presbyterian Church, in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends of the parties, and at 2 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Talley left for their home at Tryon. The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Boyd, belongs to a prominent family, and is one of the loveliest young women of Laurens. She is followed to her home by host of good wishes for her happiness and Mr. Talley is generally congratulated upon winning a bride so attractive. Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding were: Dr. and Mrs. David Anderson, of Greenville; Mrs. T. B. Craig, of Fountain Inn; Miss Jennie Kennedy, of Abbeville; Miss Marie McDonald, of Charleston; Miss Libbie Spencer, of Clinton; Miss Laura Lumpkin, of Charlotte; Mrs. Frank Ferguson, of Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moorman, of Columbia; Miss Lucia Talley, of Columbia; Mr. Broadus Ballinger, of Tryon, N. C.

## Gentlemen of the Jury.

The following Petit Jurors have been drawn for the special term of Common Pleas Court, which will be convened Monday, April 30th, with Judge Geo. E. Prince of Anderson, presiding:

Laurens township—W. W. Adair, A. C. Fuller, Jr., J. W. Jones, Austin Bramlett, J. M. Ball.

Scuffletown—R. T. Donnon. Jacks—P. M. Pitts, Tom Wesson, M. D. Milam, L. W. Adair.

Hunter—Job M. Simpson, G. R. Davidson, G. C. Johnson.

Cross Hill—R. F. Wade, O. B. Pitts, W. P. Garrett.

Waterloo—P. F. Martin, Thos. M. Shaw, L. S. Boland.

Sullivan—M. B. McCuen, J. B. Humbert, W. E. Pitts, D. W. Coats, J. P. Vaughn.

Dials—S. R. Gray, L. L. Owings, Bluford Putnam, W. J. Burns, S. N. Garrett.

Youngs—W. M. Stevens, A. B. Stewart, T. Y. Henderson, L. M. Pearson, J. H. Long, E. R. Phillips, W. T. Parks.

## Cotton Oil Demonstration.

The Southern Cotton Oil Company is giving demonstrations of the use of vegetable cooking oils and "hogless lard" this week at Davis, Roper & Company's store. Many ladies of the city have witnessed the demonstrations which are being made by Mrs. H. C. Reeks, assisted by Miss N. Newman. With the use of "Snowdrift" lard which is made from refined cotton seed oil and select beef suet, Mrs. Reeks cooks the very finest "catfish" and white cakes, biscuits, cheese straws, etc., using no hog's lard or butter.

You should call and see this interesting demonstration.

## United States Court Jurors.

The following Laurens county citizens have been drawn to serve as jurors at the spring term of the United States Circuit Court now in session at Greenville:

Grand Jurors—S. P. Ball, of Gray Court, J. E. Wood, Princeton, R. F. D. No. 2, F. B. Martin, of Youngs.

Petit—T. J. Hughes of Jachin, Sam H. Fleming of Cross Hill, E. G. Mitchell of Princeton, R. F. D. No. 2.

## Youngs Township Democratic Club

Is hereby called to meet at Youngs Store, at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, 28th inst., for the purpose of reorganizing by electing officers for the ensuing two years, for the appointment of the necessary Committees and to elect delegates to the County Convention that meets on the first Monday in May, proximo, being the 7th day of the month. A prompt and full attendance is desired.

W. P. COKER, Township Chairman.

## Cross Hill Democrats.

In pursuance to call of the County chairman, Cross Hill Democratic Club is called to meet at the usual place of meeting, Saturday, April 28th, at 3 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of organizing and selecting delegates to the county convention the first Monday in May.

M. T. SIMPSON, Chairman.

Delicious cakes and cookies served all this week, also lessons in culinary, at Davis, Roper & Co's store.

Lessons in culinary art at Davis, Roper & Co's store this week.

Ave a hot doughnut while you wait, at Davis, Roper & Co's, this week.

## GOOD FOR FRIENDSHIP.

One of the Locals of the Farmers' Union is on the Right Line.

One of the flourishing Farmers' Unions of this county is the Friendship local of Sullivan township.

Mr. T. Mac Roper is president, and the membership includes twenty-six of the progressive farmers of the community. At its last meeting it was decided to offer several cash premiums for the best yields of certain crops. Only members of the local can enter the contests, and committees will decide and declare the winners.

The premiums offered are not large, but there is significance in more than one of them, and no doubt there will be sharp rivalry among the farmers of that progressive neighborhood over the various contests.

Following is the list of the prizes offered:

For the best acre of corn, \$7.00.

For the best acre of cotton, \$6.00.

For the best half acre of watermelons, \$3.00.

For the best half acre of sweet potatoes, \$3.00.

## ENOREE PRESBYTERY MEETS.

With the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton—Many Delegates.

Clinton, April 17th.—Enoree Presbytery meets here this evening with the First Presbyterian Church. Between fifty and sixty delegates are expected to attend.

Mrs. Arthur Shockley is visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Little, for a few days.

Miss Marion McCrary was called to Abbeville on Thursday by the death of her aunt, Mrs. John Bowie.

Miss Laura Vance spent Friday and Saturday in Newberry with Mrs. Grey Ellisor.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bailey are in Atlanta for a short stay.

On Thursday evening Miss Sallie Wright entertained a party of twenty-four at N. Gations. The Easter box of bon-bons was awarded to Miss Laura Vance.

Miss Orrie Bess Little has visited her mother, Miss Annie Glenn of Newberry.

Mrs. Geo. M. McDaniel and children of Norfolk, Va., are with Dr. J. W. Young and family.

Mrs. Robert Bell and Miss Bessie Tennant were in town for Easter.

Miss Mattie Blakeley left on Wednesday for a two weeks' trip to Yorkville.

## COLUMBIA TO NEW ORLEANS.

Through Trains for the Confederate Veterans Who Go to Reunion.

Greenville, April 12.—The commanding general of the South Carolina division U. C. V. wishes to announce to the veterans that the Southern Railway Company has arranged to operate, for the accommodation of the South Carolina delegation to the reunion in New Orleans, a through train, leaving Columbia Monday, April 23d, at 7 a. m., going via Newberry, Greenwood, Anderson, Seneca, Atlanta and Montgomery to New Orleans, arriving there at 7:15 a. m., April 24th, thus giving the party a day to make all arrangements before the convention. General Carville will leave Columbia on this car, and it is his wish that as many comrades as can do so will join him. With this arrangement, delegates from Chester, Rock Hill Blacksburg, Gaffney, Spartanburg, Union and Greenville can join his party at Seneca at 12:30 p. m. If it is found necessary, a through coach will be operated from Columbia in connection with the Pullman.

Thos. W. Carville, Maj. Gen. S. C. Div. U. C. V.

J. M. Jordan, Adj. Gen. and Chief of Staff.

We are showing a beautiful line of Reeking Chairs made of oak, mahogany and red beautifully finished in different designs and sizes. See our line before you buy.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

You feel the life giving current the minute you take it. A gentle soothing warmth, fills the nerves and blood with life. It's a real pleasure to take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Ten or Tablets. Ask your Druggist.

We have just received a car load of solid oak, beautifully finished bed room suits. Let us show you this line before you buy as they are going at prices that will be money saved for you.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

## THE BRIARS HOLD ANNUAL REUNION.

Ten Survivors of Company G, Third Regiment, Answer to Roll Call at Twentieth Annual Meeting.

The good people of Gray Court and Owings Station, including the Shells, Dorros, Pedens, Cubertsons, Stoddards, Grays, Currys, and many others, entertained the Briars, survivors of Company G, Third Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, last Saturday at the Graycourt-Owings Institute, the occasion being the twentieth annual reunion of this famous old command.

There was a large crowd present, and the day was one of interest and much pleasure. Several excellent speeches were made, and a fine picnic dinner was spread at the conclusion of the exercises of the day.

In addition to making a thrilling address Judge Thompson presided over the exercises of the occasion, and as usual took the keenest interest in the day's events from first to last.

Mr. John M. Cannon, a rising young member of the Laurens bar, and a worthy descendant of as good fighting stock as ever went to the front, made an excellent speech, followed by an interesting talk by Mr. R. J. Stoddard and the reading of an appropriate poem by Dr. J. R. Culbertson.

Letters regretting their inability to attend the reunion were read from Col. J. N. Brown, of Anderson, Dr. H. P. Griffith, of Limestone, J. J. McSwain, Esq., of Greenville, and Col. A. W. Burnside, of Augusta.

Suitable resolutions in memory of Judge Allen Barksdale, of Louisiana, and John D. Power, of this county, members who have passed away since the last meeting, were read and adopted.

It was decided to meet next year at Lanford.

The survivors present Saturday were: B. W. Lanford, Dr. W. H. Ball, Judge O. G. Thompson, Melmoth Fleming, J. B. Higgins, Joel Crisp, J. L. Stoddard, John Dial, Dr. Manning Edwards and T. Y. Henderson.

## Death of an Aged Citizen.

Mr. Reuben Robertson died of pneumonia at his home in this city, Wednesday April 11. Thursday afternoon the interment was made at the family cemetery near Gray Court.

Mr. Robertson was one of the oldest citizens of the city, being a little over eighty at the time of his death. In addition to a large connection in the city and county, Mr. Robertson is survived by two brothers and one sister, Messrs. A. M. Robertson of Equality, Anderson county, and Benjamin Robertson of Arkansas, and Mrs. Bettie Tilton of Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Robertson was the father of the late Milford Robertson and the grandfather of Mrs. E. W. Martin of Laurens and Mrs. Darrel Harris of Columbia.

## Rev. F. D. Hunt Moderator.

Clinton, April 17.—In the absence of Rev. E. P. Davis, the retiring moderator, the opening sermon of the spring session of Enoree Presbytery, which convened here tonight, was preached by Dr. J. S. Watkins, of Spartanburg. The Rev. F. D. Hunt, of Greenville, was elected moderator.

## Mr. Johnson Can't Come.

Congressman Joseph T. Johnson has declined an invitation to deliver an address at the closing exercises of the City Schools, May 25, stating that while it would give him very great pleasure to come to Laurens at that time, he has always made it a rule to remain at his post in Washington until the adjournment of Congress, and he does not think the session will have closed before the date of the Graded School commencement.

## STATE S. S. CONVENTION.

Hon. C. C. Featherstone's Fine Address to be Printed for Distribution.

Pelzer, April 13.—The closing sessions of the South Carolina Sunday School Association have been very busy ones. President Smyth is disposing of the business of the convention like a veteran, and giving all the time possible to instruction from prominent Sunday school workers attending the convention.

Mr. Pierce and Mr. Barnes, the field secretaries with us, have completely won the hearts of the delegates, and they listen with eagerness for every word they say.

Hon. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, made a splendid address on "Temperature Work in the Twentieth Century Sunday School." Mr. Featherstone's address was so well received that the convention ordered his address printed for distribution among the Sunday schools of the State.

## LOCAL OBSERVATIONS.

Easter was a beautiful, bright, glorious day.

Miss Lucile Meadows of Goldville has accepted a position at the Laurens post office.

Col. J. H. Wharton delivered an address at Hopkins school, Richland county, Friday night.

Mr. J. B. Cosby of Youngs township makes announcement of his candidacy this week for County Supervisor.

The Grand Jurors will not be expected to attend the special term of court which convenes here on April 30.

Messrs. R. S. Templeton, O. W. Babb and H. Terry are in Columbia attending the annual meeting of the State Council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. W. S. Montgomery, of Spartanburg, manager and treasurer of the Laurens Cotton Mills, was in the city Monday.

Dr. L. S. Fuller, who sells the celebrated Copyright flour throughout this section, left Monday afternoon for his usual week's trip.

The card of Mr. R. W. Nash announcing his candidacy for reelection to the office of county superintendent of education appears in the "candidates' column" of THE ADVERTISER today.

## Card From Mr. Dial.

MR. EDITOR: Kindly allow me space in your valued columns to express to the directors and stockholders, and to the public generally my thanks for their many kind expressions of my election as President of the Laurens Cotton Mills.

It is not necessary for me to assure the stockholders that no effort will be spared on the part of the present management to make the property the success it is entitled. No radical changes will be made and there is no grounds or room for fear on the part of anyone, and every stockholder will receive just and fair treatment,—it matters not how small his holdings may be. The large stockholders have been exceedingly kind to the community, having given us a majority of the Directors and all the officers.