

The Laurens Advertiser.

VOLUME XXIII.

LAURENS, SOUTH CAROLINA, WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1908.

NUMBER 48

COUNTY CAMPAIGN OPENS AUGUST 11.

First Meeting to be Held
at Langston.

SCHEDULE IN FULL.

Democratic Executive Committee Holds
Meeting and Transacts Neces-
sary Business.

The Laurens county campaign will open at Langston church Tuesday, August 11th, and close ten days later at the Laurens Cotton Mills. According to the rules of the Democratic primary all candidates for county office must file their pledges with the secretary of the executive committee by noon of Monday, August 10th, the day before the first campaign meeting.

The Laurens County Democratic Executive Committee met Saturday and arranged the county campaign schedule, fixed the assessment of candidates for county office, named a committee to arrange for the State and Senatorial campaign meetings in Laurens and appointed managers for the August primary election. County Chairman R. A. Cooper presided over the meeting, which was attended by a majority of the county executive committeemen.

It was decided to open the county campaign on Tuesday, August 11th, the first meeting to be held at Langston church, Scuffletown township. The schedule of the other appointments is as follows:

Sardis, Jacks township, Wednesday, August 12.

Clinton Cotton Mill, Wednesday night, August 12.

Clinton, Thursday, August 13.

Lydia Cotton Mill, Thursday night, August 13.

Hopewell, Hunter township, Friday, August 14.

Cross Hill, Saturday, August 15.

Moorea, Waterloo township, Monday, August 17.

Tumbling Shoals, Tuesday, August 18.

Dials, Wednesday, August 19.

Youngs, Thursday, August 20.

Watts Mills, Thursday night, August 20.

Laurens Court House, Friday, August 21.

Laurens Mills, Friday night, August 21.

The executive committee fixed the fees of the various candidates for county office as follows: Clerk of court, \$4; sheriff, \$3; treasurer, \$3; auditor, \$3; superintendent of education, \$2; county supervisor, \$2.50; State senate, \$4; house of representatives, \$4; county commissioner, \$1; coroner, \$1.50.

Another matter disposed of by the executive committee was the appointment of election managers for the August primary. The entire list will be published in the Advertiser later on.

Waterloo News Notes.

Waterloo, June 26.—Prof. Joseph H. Sheely, of Little Mountain, spent the week-end in Waterloo visiting his many friends.

Mr. J. F. Smith, of Laurens, is in town spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith.

Miss Bertha Godley, of Columbia, is the charming guest of Miss Clara Wharton.

Miss Sarah Wallace, of Belfast, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. Harris Wharton.

Hon. Clarence Cunningham leaves next week for Denver to attend the national Democratic convention.

Mr. L. L. Dendy has gone to Columbia, where he has a position as a traveling salesman.

Misses Marie and Lola Henderson are visiting friends in Spartanburg.

Miss Maude Smith is at home from a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace at Belfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wharton are spending some time with relatives in Charleston.

Mrs. T. E. Harris spent last week in Clinton and attended the commencement exercises of the Thornwell orphanage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson were guests of friends in Cross Hill last Sunday.

Mr. E. V. Golding was married Sunday to Miss Allie Wilson at the bride's home in Greenwood. Mr. and Mrs. Golding reached Waterloo Tuesday and the happy couple are receiving the congratulations of a score of friends. They will begin house keeping at once in their pretty little cottage on the hill.

NEGRO HOMICIDE AT CROSS HILL.

One Negro Kills Another—Marriage and
Other Items of Interest to
Advertiser Readers.

Cross Hill, June 29.—Mr. Landon Reeder and Mrs. Daisy Goddard were married at the home of the bride, Wilmington, S. C., on last Tuesday, June 23d, Rev. Mr. Fennel officiating. They will be at home to their friends for the present at his mother's, near Cross Hill. Mrs. Reeder has been teaching in this county the last two years. Mr. Reeder is also a teacher and an all round good fellow. We wish them much happiness.

Mr. John Peak, a prominent railroad man, is visiting his brother, Dr. Theodore Peak.

Mr. Joseph T. Ligon and Mr. Pick Pinson, citizens of Greenwood, were in town Saturday en route to Harris Springs.

The Merchants' and Farmers' Ginnery Company was organized last Friday. Messrs. J. C. Workman, W. C. Razor, A. M. Hill, Conway Dial, Geo. A. Boozer, O. B. Pitts, of Cross Hill, and Mr. F. S. Evans, of Greenwood, were elected directors. Mr. J. C. Workman was elected president and Mr. A. M. Hill, secretary and treasurer. The capital stock is \$8,000. The plant will be equipped with the very best machinery and it is proposed to have it ready for business by the first of September.

Mr. Larry Watts, a prominent planter, of Latta, was in town last week. Quite a number of bales of cotton were sold here last week at 12c.

There was a homicide near Mr. W. P. Turner's place yesterday. Lawrence Griffin shot and killed Will Wade. Both parties colored.

THE FURMAN BANQUET PROGRAM FOR TUESDAY.

The committee appointed to arrange a program for the Furman banquet on the evening of July 7th announces a very interesting and attractive order of events for the occasion. Besides the number of local Furman men on this program a number of distinguished speakers have been secured to respond to various toasts. Among these are: Hon. C. C. Featherstone, Hon. R. A. Cooper and Rev. W. E. Thayer, of Laurens; Rev. L. M. Roper, of Spartanburg; Mr. C. F. Haynesworth, of Greenville; and Prof. G. W. Cunningham, of this county. Mr. Cunningham is a recent Ph. D. graduate of Cornell University, besides being a distinguished graduate of Furman. Dr. Poter will be on hand to meet the men of Laurens.

Among the attractions of the program are these: A welcome on the part of the city of Laurens by Dr. H. K. Aiken, president of the Chamber of Commerce; responses by Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, of Clinton, and Prof. C. B. Martin, of Furman University; and the following will respond to toasts on the subjects named:

"The City of Laurens, Her Contribution to the Educational Development of the State," by Hon. C. C. Featherstone.

"The Attitude of the Citizen Toward Education," by Hon. R. A. Cooper.

"The Preparatory School," by Prof. R. A. Dobson.

"The Function of the Small College," by Prof. G. W. Cunningham.

"The Ministry in its Relation to Education," by Rev. W. E. Thayer.

"The Alumni Alive," by Mr. C. F. Haynesworth.

"Our Alma Mater," by Rev. L. M. Roper.

"Furman University," by Dr. Edwin M. Poter.

Reports from the invitation committee show that something over fifty men will be present at this gathering.

The banquet will be held at Gray's hotel and all the men are requested to meet there at about nine o'clock Tuesday evening.

Mr. Frank Redden Dead.

Mr. Frank Redden died at his home in the Mt. Olive section Monday, June 22d, after a long illness. On Tuesday the interment took place at Mt. Olive church. Mr. Redden was a veteran of the Civil war and his life was one of honor and uprightness.

Waterloo Defeats Coronaca.

Waterloo, June 25.—In a fast game of ball here yesterday Waterloo defeated Coronaca by a score of 5 to 2. Puckett, the pitcher for the locals, did some good work. The game was very interesting throughout.

The machinery and fixtures of the overall factory have been stored in the room over Nash's hardware store. Mr. W. P. Hudgens, the general repair and automobile man will at once move into the store-room recently occupied by the factory.

Mr. C. M. Miller and family, and Miss Nell Miller, leave today for Hendersonville.

PRETTY WEDDING AT MOUNTVILLE.

Miss Ruth Crisp and Dr. Grover Bingham
Married at Baptist Church Tuesday.

Mountville, S. C., June 27.—One of the most beautiful weddings that have occurred here for several years was celebrated at the Baptist church last Tuesday, when Miss Viola Ruth Crisp and Dr. Grover Cleveland Bingham were united in the holy bonds of wedlock in the presence of a large number of witnesses. The church house was beautifully decorated with ivy, palms, cut and pot flowers in colors of pink, white and green and darkened with lamps burning dimly. The bridesmaids were dressed in white with pink girdle, wearing white slippers and carried bouquets of pink carnations. The bride was attired in a traveling suit of blue voile over silk and carried a beautiful bouquet of white carnations. The groom and groomsmen wore conventional suits of black. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon to the solemn strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Ida May Crisp, cousin of the bride, the couples entered, advancing separately down the aisles and taking their places at the altar in the following order: Dr. Lawrence W. Bailey with Miss Margie Bigham; Mr. Eugene Crisp with Miss Carrie Boyd; Mr. Clyde Hipp with Miss Lillian Proffett; Mr. Ney Crisp with Miss Lillie Culbertson; Mr. Sydney Crisp with Miss Lucy Fellers. Then entered the bride and groom, advancing separately as the other couples and taking position in the center under a beautiful cross of ivy. The marriage ceremony was performed in solemn and imposing earnestness by Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, of Clinton. While the organ, under the gentle touch of Miss Ida May Crisp, sent forth in almost quiet softness its music of sweetness, Dr. Grover Bigham and Miss Ruth Crisp were formally joined as husband and wife.

Messrs. Claud Hipp and Henry Fellers acted as ushers. The beauty of the scene and the success of the occasion was largely due to the wise and thoughtful planning of Miss Julia Fellers, who was an active leader and ready adviser in the decorations and other preparations.

The happy couple left immediately for the home of the groom at Harper, Florence county. They were accompanied on their way as far as Clinton by the entire wedding party. Many are the congratulations and well wishes which follow them to their future home and throughout their mutual life of mingled toil, cares and happiness.

JUNIOR ORDER TO CELEBRATE.

Two Local Councils Will Have Flag Raising Exercises July 4th.

Next Saturday, July 4, the two local councils, Junior Order United American Mechanics, Laurens, No. 28, and Little River No. 66, will unite in celebrating one of the Order's very pretty customs, that of raising a flag, which will fly to the breezes over the handsome new school building and auditorium at the Watts Mills. The address of the occasion will be delivered by the Hon. Zeb P. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., and the Hon. R. A. Cooper will probably officiate as master of ceremonies. In addition a fine barbecued dinner will be served, and two or three games of ball will be played during the afternoon.

Board of Directors to Meet.

The Chamber of Commerce at its meeting last Thursday afternoon re-elected the incumbents on the board of directors. According to the by-laws of the organization, this board elects its officers. The members of the board are called upon to meet tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock for the purpose of electing the officers for the ensuing year.

The personnel of the board is: J. B. Brooks, R. A. Cooper, M. L. Copeland, N. B. Dial, D. A. Davis, W. L. Gray, E. P. Minter, M. J. Owings, P. A. Simpson, A. C. Todd, W. H. Washington, S. M. Wilkes, W. H. Dial, O. B. Simmons.

The Fourth at Lydia Mills.

Lydia Mills, Clinton, June 29.—The first great Fourth of July celebration ever held in Clinton will be at the Lydia Mills next Saturday. Quite an interesting program has been arranged for the entertainment of the large crowd that is expected. Features of this program will be several speeches, music by the mill band, a barbecue dinner, field contests and a game of ball.

Mr. John D. W. Watts will attend a meeting today of the Fair Grounds committee in Columbia for the purpose of passing on bids for the construction of the new State Exhibit building which is to be erected on the Fair grounds this summer at a cost of \$8,000.

TERRIBLE RAINS AT LISBON.

Crops Badly Damaged by Recent Rains—
Nominations for the Legislature.

Lisbon, S. C., June 27.—Since we wrote our last letter to your valuable paper we farmers have had storms and disaster. On last Monday night we had one hard rain after another and lasted for four or five hours with some wind. Next morning we went out to see what had been left and found it not so bad as we expected, but it certainly was bad enough. Our bottom corn, most all of it, was washed clean to the hard ground, while some was not so bad. That certainly means much to the farmers in this section as we had a great deal planted on what you term borough bottoms and some of it was exceedingly fine. We think that Mr. Brown was the heaviest loser. Some of us will plant over while others will not as the grass in our cotton needs our attention right at this time.

We had fine prospects before last Monday night's rain. Everybody that has any stubble is planting every acre to make up for recent rains if possible. We have not run a furrow in fourteen days and you can imagine how much the plows needs to be run; however, if we get a chance crops will look better in a few days.

Mr. Editor, you named a few men last week who would be good men to represent us in the lower house of the General Assembly and we would like to name a few that would be a credit to the county as well as the State, viz.: Mr. Wash Drummond, W. D. Byrd, Esq., Col. Robt. Cunningham, Mr. C. C. Featherstone, Mr. John Lanford and Mr. A. J. Smith. We think if possible we ought to send the very best men to represent us in the General Assembly, don't make any difference what faction he belongs to, as all derive the same benefit.

Mrs. Fuller is spending a while with Mr. Mose Madden and family at Cold Point.

Mr. Hewlett Sullivan, of Clinton, visited Bloom Millam this week.

Mr. J. T. A. Ballew spent last Sunday with his friend, Mr. J. L. Swink, at Woodruff, S. C.

Mr. A. T. Ballew, of Union, spent a few days last week with his brother.

Mr. Tom Holmes is at home with his parents for two weeks, after which time he will return to St. Louis, his future home.

Mr. W. A. Wharton, of Rockingham, N. C., is spending a while with his aunt, Mrs. Ballew.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Watts spent last Sunday with friends and relatives.

Come down, Mr. Editor, and help us to enjoy our excellent fruit. We will have plenty of the old time South Carolina Bradfords also in a few more days.

ALONG LAURENS R. F. D. NO. 2.

Good Crops Noted and the Movements
of People Recorded.

The crop prospect along Laurens R. F. D. route No. 2, which traverses parts of Laurens and Scuffletown townships, is quite promising. The seasons have been very favorable and the condition of all crops is excellent. Cotton is fruiting well and corn is making a fine showing. There is a larger acreage of the latter crop, taking the route as a whole, and the indications now for a good yield are flattering. Fruits and vegetables are abundant.

Mr. J. O. Templeton has returned from a ten days' visit to relatives in Anderson.

Rev. A. A. Merritt filled his regular appointment at Leesville Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Eliza Malone is visiting friends in Greenwood.

Mr. R. O. Hairston attended the special Masonic services at the First Baptist church at Laurens last Sunday.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Oliva Burnsides, of Richland county, to Mr. Gregory, of Columbia. Mrs. Gregory taught the Sandy Springs school a few years ago and has many friends in this section who wish her all happiness and success.

Miss Lidie Peterson, of Charlotte, N. C., is spending a month's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Peterson.

Master Lowry Wilson, of Clinton, recently visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Blakely.

Teague Nelson's Case.

The appeal before the supreme court in behalf of Teague Nelson, colored, convicted of murder, was refused in an order filed last Saturday. A new trial was asked on the ground that the county sheriff was present at the drawing of the jury, thus invalidating the juryman for service.

Col. Thos. B. Crews is attending the annual meeting at Gaffney of the State Press association.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parks, of Greenwood, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Childress.

LAURENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS.

Reports of the Officers of the Organi-
zation Made—Membership Fee
Reduced One-Half.

The faithful few of the Chamber of Commerce met in the court house last Thursday afternoon, this being the first annual meeting of the body since its organization last summer. Despite the numerous announcements of the meeting the attendance was discouragingly small, but those who were present seemed enthusiastic in the work of building up the city, and it is safe to predict that they will accomplish much, in spite of the small support received from the majority of the members. The Chamber of Commerce is still alive and doing business.

Reports from President Aiken and Secretary McCuen were received; also an account of receipts and disbursements from Treasurer Craig. The main work of the Chamber of Commerce thus far has been that of advertising the city; this according to Mr. McCuen's report has been done in a special edition of the State and through the printing of facts about Laurens on the backs of envelopes sent out by the merchants and others. Something over fifty thousand of these envelopes have been mailed out of the city. Mr. McCuen has carried on correspondence with numbers of prospective citizens and filled a needed position in giving out information about the industries of the city. No reports were heard from the various committees.

It was decided to lower the membership fees from \$12 per year to \$6, payable quarterly. The old board of directors were re-elected and requested to meet tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock to elect officers. The inconvenience of the hour of meeting last week prevented any lengthy discussions on subjects pertaining to the public good. However, it is expected that another meeting will be held soon, at which many topics will be discussed freely.

NEARLY \$60,000 PAID IN SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDENDS.

For the past day or so the office forces of the various dividend-paying institutions in Laurens have been busy preparing and mailing out checks to the stockholders in payment of the semi-annual or July dividends. As will be seen, quite a handsome sum is disbursed by the mills and banks of the county as follows:

Bank of Cross Hill, 4 per cent on \$25,000—\$1,000.

Laurens Cotton Mills, 6 per cent on \$350,000—\$21,000.

Watts Cotton Mills, 4 per cent on \$300,000—\$12,000.

People's Loan and Exchange Bank, 8 per cent on \$100,000—\$8,000.

Enterprise Bank, 3½ per cent on \$100,000—\$3,500.

Bank of Laurens, 4 per cent on \$50,000—\$2,000.

Clinton Cotton Mills, 4 per cent on \$300,000—\$12,000.

The Fourth in Laurens.

As the Glorious Fourth falls on Saturday the stores and banks of the city will not be closed in observance of the day. However, the postoffice will be open only two hours during the day, from 8:30 to 9:30 a. m. and from 3 to 4 p. m., and there will be no delivery or collection of mail by the R. F. D. carriers. Both cotton mills give a full holiday.

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

Calhoun Lodge No. 47, I. O. O. F., has elected officers for the ensuing semi-annual term as follows: Noble Grand, R. S. Templeton; Vice Grand, W. D. Cunningham; Secretary, T. K. Hudgens; Treasurer, H. Terry; Outside Guardian, Young W. Davis. The appointive officers will be named at the regular meeting tonight, at which time District Deputy Grand Master T. K. Hudgens will install the new officials.

U. D. C.'s to Meet Monday.

Mrs. R. B. Bell requests that the meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy be announced for 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon of July 6th at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Bennett on West Main street. A full attendance is earnestly requested as some matters of importance will demand attention.

Special Premium Offered.

In addition to the regular premiums offered annually by the State Agricultural Society, ranging from \$100 to \$300 for each county, the executive board of the society has decided this year to offer a special premium of \$50 for the best single exhibit of any home grown product from each county. This is a new idea and doubtless many will feel encouraged to prepare a special exhibit for the next annual Fair.

FORCEFUL SERMON FOR THE MASONS

Rev. Mr. Thayer Delivers
Special Discourse.

200 MASONS PRESENT

Service Held at First Baptist Church and
Preacher's Theme Was "The
Temple of the Body."

Upon invitation of Palmetto lodge No. 19 and Laurens No. 260, order of Masons, the Rev. W. E. Thayer, of the First Baptist church, preached a special sermon before the members of those lodges and many visiting Masons last Sunday morning. There were, in addition to the usually large congregation, about 200 representatives of this great and time-honored order present at the service. The sermon was appropriate in every respect and delivered with that peculiar force and power that characterizes the preaching of the Rev. Mr. Thayer. The subject of the discourse was "The Temple of the Body," founded upon the 19th and 20th verses of the seventh chapter of I Corinthians, "Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which we have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price; glorify God therefore in your body."

The preacher followed very closely and used most skillfully much of the emblematic language of the Masonic order in the treatment of his subject, at all times during his discourse stressing the importance of making every emblem of the order an active and potent force in the daily life of the individual. The theme of Sunday morning's sermon, as so clearly announced and enlarged upon, was in substance: "The human body is a temple, divinely bestowed, in the hands of men to build and care for, in time and for eternity. The plans of specification should be directed with rule, gavel, plumb, square, level and trowel; clothed in a robe of purity; supported with the foundations of wisdom, strength and beauty; sanctified unto God, the great Mason in the service of mankind and through this sanctification finally glorified, as a body, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, the keystone in the arch of the great edifice, planned by the infinite intelligence and being wrought by him through the instrumentality of mankind."

"Masonry is not religion," said Mr. Thayer; and it was here that he made a powerful appeal to the congregation for the personal acceptance of a personal Saviour, since that was the only salvation for any, even Masons, great and good as were the principles of the order. The closing paragraph of the sermon was indeed a gem of thought and expressed in the most beautiful of terms. Mr. Thayer said that the object of life was the search for light and truth, as was the pathway of one through the steps of masonry. "With the body sanctified by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit," continued the speaker, "the builder of a life may go on, pursuing the object of his quest, which is the great white light of truth streaming from the throne God; it is not given to man to behold that great light, for even as but a few moments ago the orb of day was eclipsed and men could not behold it except through a darkened glass, so must they look unto God through the incarnation of Jesus Christ."

King's Daughters' Benefit.

Thursday afternoon and evening the door receipts at the Electric Theatre will be donated to the King's Daughters to be added to the hospital fund. Manager Roman has ordered some exceptionally fine films for the occasion and the entertainment will be pleasing to all. As usual, there will be an illustrated song then the exhibition of two pictures. The King's Daughters hope for a large crowd. Prices the same as usual, 5c and 10c. Remember the date, Thursday afternoon and evening.

New Dry Goods Store.

About September the first, Messrs. T. C. and J. E. Switzer will open up a new dry goods and notion store room next door to the Enterprise bank.

Rev. A. B. Langston.

Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, of Cincinnati has accepted the call of the Immanuel church, Nashville. We are glad to know that this church has brought Dr. Weaver into the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. A. B. Langston, of this State, who recently graduated from the Seminary, will supply Immanuel during the summer.—Baptist Courier.

Dr. H. K. Aiken has purchased a fine Maxwell automobile. It arrived Monday.

Mr. J. M. Sumerel announces his withdrawal from the race for supervisor. His card was printed this week through error.

Supt. R. A. Dobson has received a sufficient number of signers to a petition for an additional \$10,000 school levy to complete the new building.