

# LAURENS LAD HAS GAINED NATIONAL FAME.

Master T. K. Hudgens Whitewashes the G. O. P. Elephant Caricatured by Brantley Smith in The State.

On Sunday of June 7th the Columbia State printed on its first page a cartoon depicting the Republican party in the usual G. O. P. elephant form, but with three dark blots upon its back and flanks. These blots or spots represented "Hard Times," "Panic" and "Campaign Fund Publicity Fiasco." Accompanying this representation was this notice: "Wanted—Someone to Whitewash the Elephant," and in the picture was offered a \$150 reward to any person who could explain why the G. O. P. should remain in power.

Laurens had within her borders a bright young man with an idea, which he at once carried out. He is the young son of Mr. T. K. Hudgens, T. K. the junior, aged about six. Clipping the cartoon from The State he proceeded to whitewash the elephant according to direction, sent it to The State and claimed the reward. However, young Mr. Hudgens had only whitewashed the "picture" of the G. O. P. elephant, an easy task, while whitewashing the real thing, the spotted G. O. P., would have proven an elephantine undertaking.

But the ingenious idea of the lad attracted a great deal of attention and comment, not only in this State but elsewhere. The following article appears in the Washington Star:

Myriad are the reasons given why the Republican party should be continued in power in letters received at the headquarters of the Republican congressional campaign committee in the Metropolitan National Bank building in this city, responding to advertisements printed all over the country offering \$150 for the best essay on the subject. Novel was the response sent in through the courtesy of The State, a Democratic paper of Columbia, S. C.

The State printed a cartoon entitled "White Elephant," and showing a picture of an elephant, emblematic of the Republican party, all covered with spots labeled "Panic," "Hard Times," "Campaign Publicity Fiasco," etc. Underneath the picture were the words, "Wanted—Some One to Whitewash the Elephant."

A reply was received by the paper from a little lad of Laurens, S. C., who signed himself "T. K. Hudgens," and said:

"I whitewashed the elephant. And I hope to get the reward, for I want to buy me a pony with it."

Sure enough he had whitewashed the elephant. Inclosed with the letter was a clipping of the cartoon covered with whitewash. The black spots were still discernable, but a brave effort had been made to obliterate them.

William E. Gonzales, editor of the paper, under date of June 11th, sent the exhibits in the case to Chairman Sherman of the committee with the following letter:

"Dear Sir: Amid the serious work of the campaign this glimpse of simplicity with its unconscious touch of humor may not be unpleasant to you. A white elephant would not take the place of a pony for him. Very truly yours,  
"WM. E. GONZALES."

A clipping from The State was also inclosed giving an account of the episode and saying the editor was sending the boy's letter to the Republican congressional committee.

In reply to Editor Gonzales the following letter was written a few days later by Francis Curtis, who is in charge of the committee rooms in Mr. Sherman's absence:

"Mr. William E. Gonzales, Editor The State, Columbia, S. C.  
"My Dear Sir: I certainly appreciate to the full your kind note of June 11th with enclosure from the little lad who whitewashed the elephant and the clipping from your paper concerning same. I have taken no little pleasure in showing it to both Republicans and Democrats, all of whom have fully appreciated it and enjoyed it.

"Our partisanship here is not so acute that we cannot take pleasure in such incidents. And I sincerely wish that it was in my financial power to send the little fellow the pony he so much desires.

"When he gets big enough to vote he will learn that a 'live elephant,' black or white, is far preferable to a 'dead donkey.' And we are even hoping at no distant day the editor of The State will come to the same conclusion.

"With highest regards, believe me to be,  
"Yours most sincerely,  
"FRANCIS CURTIS."

"Health Coffee" is really the closest Coffee imitation ever yet produced. This clever Coffee Substitute was recently produced by Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wis. Not a grain of real Coffee is in it either. Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee is made from pure roasted grain, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—who might drink it for Coffee. No 20 or 30 minutes tedious boiling. "Made in a minute," says the doctor. Sold by J. M. Philpot.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. J. J. Ragan, of Summerton, is in the city this week visiting Mrs. Mary E. Bowen.

Prof. I. E. Curry, of this county, a teacher in Lanier College at Greenwood, was in the city last Thursday shaking hands with his many friends here.

Mr. Gus. W. Cunningham, of Madens, and a recent Ph. D. graduate of Cornell University, was here Thursday. Mr. Cunningham has accepted the chair of English in Middlebury College, Vermont, for next session.

Mr. Alma B. Langston, of Madden, left last week for Nashville, Tenn., where he supplies a pulpit for the summer. In September he returns to the Louisville Seminary to take his Master of Theology degree.

Mr. E. H. Wilkes, who has been unwell for some days, left last Thursday for a short stay at Glenn Springs.

Mrs. St. Clair Lee and daughter, Miss Ella, and Miss Mary McGhee, of Greenwood, spent a few days last week with the family of Mr. W. H. Gilkerson.

Mr. Frank McCray left last week for Greenville, where he will take vocal music lessons under Prof. W. F. Barnes, of the Greenville Female College.

Rev. C. F. Rankin left Friday for Red Springs, N. C., to be present at and participate in the dedication of the new Presbyterian church there on Sunday. Mr. Rankin was pastor of that church for a period of six years.

Mr. Ernest Huff, of Greenville, was in the city Friday visiting his father, Mr. A. Huff.

Mrs. Herbert Martin was the guest of Mrs. C. H. Roper last week.

Miss Gena Byrd, after spending some time with her cousin, Mrs. C. H. Roper, has returned home.

The Advertiser received a cotton bloom through the mail on Thursday, the 25th, from Mr. S. A. Leaman, of Cross Hill. While not the first of the season this is yet early. We congratulate Mr. Leaman.

### Wants Real Estate Here.

The president of the Chamber of Commerce some days ago received a communication from a real estate dealer in Greensboro, N. C., inquiring about real estate in and near Laurens. He states his desire to purchase from eight to twenty acres of town or suburban property suitable for residence lots. This letter indicates an outside estimate of Laurens and shows the desire of outsiders to come here for business. Whether or not this dealer has made a purchase is not yet known, but these facts are stated here to show the kind of work the Chamber of Commerce can do.

### Death of a Little Girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Crawford, of the Brewerton section, have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their little five-year-old daughter, Myrtle, which sad event occurred June 19th, the child being ill only a few days.

### Over Thirty-five Years.

In 1872 there was a great deal of diarrhoea, dysentery and cholera infantum. It was at this time that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was first brought into use. It proved more successful than any other remedy or treatment, and has for thirty-five years maintained that record. From a small beginning its sale and use has extended to every part of the United States and to many foreign countries. Nine druggists out of ten will recommend it when their opinion is asked, although they have other medicines that pay them a greater profit. It can always be depended upon, even in the most severe and dangerous cases. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

### Two Weddings of Note.

Clinton, June 23.—Two North Carolina weddings of the past month of interest in this county were those of Miss Chester Bell, of Brevard, N. C., to Mr. J. R. Withers, a prominent merchant of Davidson, which was celebrated in May at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bell.

The other was that of Miss Elbie Furman Copeland, of Statesville, N. C., to Mr. Frank Wallace Webster, of New York city, a successful civil engineer. This wedding was very quiet and was celebrated on the 10th of June at the home of the bride's father, Capt. J. W. Copeland.

Both these brides spent much of their girlhood in Clinton, Mrs. Withers being a graduate of the college here. Both are widely and prominently connected.

### Dr. Fuller in Washington.

Following is an item by Mr. McGowan in the News and Courier of June 26th: Washington, June 25.—Dr. L. S. Fuller, of Laurens, has been one of Washington's interesting visitors during the past week. He is brim full of enthusiasm for his home town and predicts even better things in the future than she has achieved in the past. While here Dr. Fuller visited Mr. Jos. Holmes, one of the big men in the United States geological survey. He, like Dr. Fuller, is from Laurens, and long ago achieved success in the world of letters and science.

### Boy's Life Saved.

My little boy, four years old, had a severe attack of dysentery. We had two physicians; both of them gave him up. We then gave him Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy which cured him and believe that saved his life.—WILLIAM H. STROLING, Carbon Hill, Ala. There is no doubt but this remedy saves the lives of many children each year. Give it with castor oil according to the plain printed directions and a cure is certain. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

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## REGISTRATION

BOOKS TO OPEN FIRST OF JULY

The attention of the public is called to the Act of the recent Legislature, approved the 24th day of February, 1908, which reads as follows:

AN ACT to Provide for the Re-Enrollment and Registration of the Qualified Electors of this State During the Year 1908, and to Provide Compensation for the Supervisors of Registration.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of South Carolina, That the Supervisors of Registration in each county of the State are required to re-enroll all the qualified elector in this State during the year 1908.

Now, in conformity with said Act the said Registration Books will be opened at the office of Supervisors of Registration, in the court house, between the hours of nine a. m. and 6 p. m., during the months of July and August, 1908.

All persons will govern themselves accordingly, and not fail to re-enroll as provided by law. The Books will be opened on Wednesday, 1st day of July, 1908, and continue open every day in the week, Sundays excepted, during months of July and August.

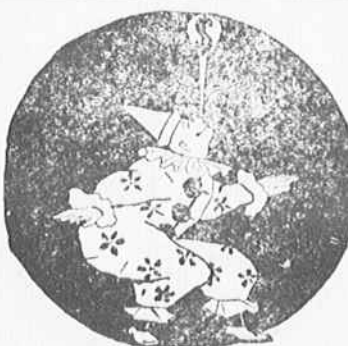
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T. S. LANGSTON,  
B. W. LANDFORD,  
Board of Registration.

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### Clemson Agricultural College Examination.

The examination for the award of Scholarships in Clemson Agricultural College will be held in the County Court House on Friday, July 3rd, at 9 a. m. Applicants must fill out proper forms, to be secured from the County Superintendent of Education, before they will be allowed to stand the examinations. For detailed information apply to the Supt. of Education or to the President of Clemson College.

Applicants for admission to the college, who are not seeking for the scholarships, will also stand entrance examinations at the court house July 3d.

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