

The Laurens Advertiser.

CAMPAIGN EXTRA

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COUNTY CAMPAIGN CLOSED ON FRIDAY

Report of Meeting Held in the Court House Friday.

WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 400 VOTERS

All the Aspirants for County Office
Have Now Had Their Say and the
Matter is Left to the Voters.

In the court house Friday morning was held the last meeting, save one, of the Laurens county campaign. There were at least four hundred people in attendance at various times during the meeting which lasted from 10.30 to about 2 o'clock. Col. T. B. Crews and Mr. John B. Brooks, the presidents of the two Democratic clubs of the city, presided over the proceedings, Col. Crews introducing the speakers. The meeting was featureless, unless the hearty applause accorded some of the candidates may so be termed; close attention and absence of rowdiness might also be noted as marking the events of the day.

Attacks upon The Laurens Advertiser were made by Messrs. Cannon and Irby along the same lines noted at the Waterloo meeting, while Mr. Clarence Cunningham added his respects at Friday's meeting. Messrs. Cannon and Wharton both made exceptionally strong speeches defining their respective stands on the number of issues in the campaign, upon which they are almost agreed except the whiskey question. Mr. Cannon attacked Mr. Wharton's private life in declaring him an unfit man "to bear the flag of prohibition." Mr. Wharton devoted more time to the discussion of the tax question than to any other, contending that it was more important and should be the subject of earnest thought and wise action on the part of a representative than the question of whiskey. The candidates for the House of Representatives made practically the same speeches as have been previously reported, only they were all more enthusiastic, inspired doubtless by the large and attentive crowd of voters.

CLERK OF THE COURT.

Mr. C. A. Power, candidate for clerk of the court, was presented as the first speaker. Mr. Power made a very earnest talk, telling of his services as county auditor and why he aspires to a higher public position. Had no criticisms to make of his opponent for the manner in which he had conducted the office. Promises efficient service if promoted by the people to the office to which he aspires.

Mr. John F. Bolt, also candidate for clerk, followed Mr. Power. He began by saying he did not feel that he should speak at his home meeting. However, he proceeded to tell of his having been elected three times as clerk and of the remuneration attached to the office which he declared had not been over \$2,400 per year. Had tried to give efficient service. Had never given any man a drink of whiskey in order to influence support. He, too, had no criticism to make on his opponent.

COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Charlie W. McCravy led off for the would-be auditors. Briefly told of his record as deputy sheriff and as coten census reporter for Laurens county. Thinks himself well qualified for the duties of county auditor.

Mr. W. L. Ferguson asks the support of the people for auditor on his record, having filled the position some years ago. Thought he had proved his competency.

Mr. W. T. Dorroh has never held public office but believes himself fully capable of filling the requirements of county auditor. Will appreciate the support of the voters.

Mr. R. W. Nichols, after forecasting the feelings of all the candidates next Wednesday morning, especially the defeated ones, spoke earnestly of the duties of the office. The position means work, careful and painstaking work.

COUNTY TREASURER.

Mr. J. D. Mock thinks that his terms of office as treasurer have the better fitted him for the performance of the position and he wants the office for another term.

Mr. J. Wade Anderson is offering for

the office of treasurer for the first time and if elected promises to conduct the duties of the office to the best of his ability.

FOR SHERIFF.

Capt. Thos. J. Duckett, candidate for re-election, made it clear that if again honored by the people he would continue to discharge his duties faithfully and to the best of his ability.

Mr. J. P. Caldwell had no speech to make but if elected will do his best to make the people a good sheriff.

Mr. J. Thomas Peelen has been before the people before asking election to the sheriff's office. Feels kindly toward all veterans, for he is himself a son of a Confederate soldier. Will if elected administer the duties of the office justly and humanely.

Mr. John D. Owings called attention to his record as deputy sheriff for two years and assured the voters that he felt he could discharge the duties of the office with perfect satisfaction.

Mr. B. A. Wharton is making his third campaign for the office. Compared his efforts in this direction to the remarkable record of Congressman Johnson. Thinks there should be rotation of the offices. Claims to be qualified.

Mr. John D. W. Watts said that in complying with the rules of the Democratic party he was present to place himself on exhibition. Had during the campaign managed to get all his opponents interested in Watts.

Mr. O. C. Cunningham had no apologies to offer for being in the race for sheriff. Said he was opposed to prohibition and gave his reasons for this position.

SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Mr. J. C. Burdette thinks his training and experience fit him for the duties of school commissioner. If elected will keep the office open every day in the year.

Mr. Thos. P. Byrd has had several years experience as a teacher and is greatly interested in the educational interests of the county. Will do his duty if elected.

Mr. R. W. Nash, who is standing for re-election, explained the manner of school fund apportionments and declared that if it could be proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the fund had been squandered by him he would at once retire from the race. This was in answer to reports he had heard regarding his administration.

Mr. Geo. L. Pitts declared that he had not raised his voice against any of his opponents; that he was making the race on his own merits and if the people elected him he would endeavor to do his whole duty.

CORONER.

Messrs. R. O. Hairston, Wright Martin and W. D. Watts, candidates for the office of coroner, briefly presented their respective claims and qualifications for the position.

SUPERVISOR.

Mr. H. B. Humbert, who is unopposed for re-election, explained the system of paying the county school teachers, submitted some figures showing the status of the county financially and made an earnest plea for the adoption of a better plan for improving and keeping up the public roads.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs. Homer Culbertson, M. W. Gray, W. F. Bailey and T. Mac Roper merely stated that they wanted the office, each believing he could acceptably fill the position.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

Col. John H. Wharton was the first speaker for the State Senate. A great deal of his time was devoted to the discussion of the tax question in South Carolina showing the great increase in the amount in spite of the increase of the taxable property, this applying to both county and State. The establishment of the four new judicial circuits in the past few years was cited as an instance of the increase of cost to the State, the expense being formerly only \$40,000, now \$75,000. Mr. Wharton saw no good that these new circuits had done in relieving congestion in the courts. He was opposed to immigration as it now works, holds that it should be voluntary, and that the State should not spend any money on it. Mr. Wharton opposes the old soldier's home in Columbia and favors the repeal of the lien law. Will vote against the dispensary in the November election.

Hon. John M. Cannon spoke very forcefully touching upon all the issues now under discussion but giving more attention to the dispensary question than to any one other. He believes in the dispensary as the correct and democratic solution of the whiskey problem, "and no matter if the people of Laurens county vote against it a dozen times it will not change my views on the subject." (Here it was that Mr. Cannon asked to be correctly quoted.) He thinks that if prohibition is good for Laurens county it should be good for the whole State and that his opponent is inconsistent in not so holding. Further he thought that the prohibitionists of the county ought to have gotten a man to head their cause whose personal character made him "fit to bear the flag of prohibition." In the course of his speech Mr. Cannon drew from his pocket a paper and said that he had the cold facts to prove his accusations and if Col. Wharton wanted the facts he would read the letter to the direct question by Mr. Cannon, Col. Wharton replied, "You are making your speech." Mr. Cannon said he took it that Col. Wharton did not want the document read and put it back into his pocket. The speaker criticized The Advertiser for preaching prohibition and not supporting Col. Lumpkin for the U. S. Senate.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Clarence Cunningham was the first speaker for the House of Representatives. He disposed of the several campaign falsehoods that were being used against him by declaring their untruth and dubbing the people who were giving such reports currency as "dirty and cowardly." He was not a foreigner, neither was he a Catholic; favored all the aid possible for the old soldiers and held that the part of the county dispensary receipts that now go to the municipalities should constitute an additional fund for veteran pensions. The speaker, in the building up and betterment of the common school, and in this connection referred to the excellent system in Germany. Another matter was his suggestion that the State farm be sold and the convict labor be put to work on the phosphate beds in the lower section of the State, thereby putting the fertilizer industry to the farmers would get cheaper fertilizer. On the whiskey question Mr. Cunningham said that if there were a State dispensary he would stand for it, but unfortunately it had been done away with; that the virtue of that system was in the fact that it did away with the old bar rooms. He stands for county option as between county dispensary and county prohibition, and against State prohibition. He argued the impracticability of prohibition, relating a personal experience in which he so easily procured some "man-beer" in the prohibition city of Knoxville. Mr. Cunningham made a rather contemptuous reference to the editor of The Advertiser, speaking of him as "a boy."

The second speaker for Legislative office was Mr. W. C. Irby, Jr., who made his usual attack upon The Advertiser at the outset. He vigorously denounced that paper for its malicious misrepresentation of his first speech in this campaign and severely accused the editor for his hypocritical act in shaking hands with him and smiling in his face, at the same time preparing to stab him in the back. He pointed out the pharisaical attitude of the paper in not getting others to bear it out in the report of his speech, relying entirely upon itself and claiming itself right. Criticising The Advertiser for supporting Mr. Rhett for senator he said "it uses every bit of its influence against Col. W. W. Lumpkin," and espousing the cause of a man who "over his own signature" revealed republican tendencies. Mr. Irby resents the fact that some are holding him up as a liquor advocate; he does favor the dispensary for he considers it the best way to handle "the dangerous thing" and for "the moral effect" of it.

For the legislature Mr. S. R. Todd came next. He is a local optionist who favors the county dispensary; entered this race of his own volition and who ever said that he was brought out by any party. He believes in the Carey-Cotman law as it now stands and opposes State-wide prohibition because of its impracticability. Mr. Todd favors the dispensary for the revenue it brings in and from the sources that furnish it. He opposes any more education for the negroes than they are now getting and than their taxes will give them; favors the repeal of the lien law. Mr. Todd states clearly that while he believes in the regulation of trusts and corporations he does not believe in drastic laws against them in

that they are a necessity for the growth and development of our industries.

Mr. R. D. Boyd started out by saying some of his opponents had adopted four planks of his platform which, of course, was all right. Interested chiefly in the education of the white children of the county and State. Thinks some of the colleges get too much money while the rural schools are neglected in a measure. Told of his work in connection with the enactment of the High School law. As to his position on the dispensary question Mr. Boyd declared that he would cast his vote against the local institution in the general election. Had no idea of trying to deceive the people. Opposed to old soldiers' home and gave his reasons. Re-stated his well known position on lien law. Cited his record of four years in the House and closed amid cheers.

Mr. Jared D. Sullivan has spent most of his life on the farm and has made agriculture a special study. Has no apologies to offer for being in this race—simply wanted to represent his county in the legislative halls of South Carolina and believed he can make a good representative. Emphasized the importance of education. He is not in favor of continuing the soldiers' home at Columbia. Thinks money for this purpose could be used by them to their advantage. Lien law has served its day. If sent to Columbia will watch dog of the State treasury.

Mr. W. R. Pheby made a ringing speech and was liberally applauded. Was not the candidate of any man or set of men, party or section; entered the race on his own responsibility. Opposed to present immigration law. "We don't want any more riff-raff excursions to this country because the experiment proved a failure." Thought the establishment of the old soldiers' home in Columbia was a mistake. Coming to the liquor question Mr. Pheby held that the discussion of the subject in this campaign was very proper in view of the approaching election in Laurens on the dispensary. Quoted Mr. Cannon, the dispensary is a "man-beer" and a "man-beer" that the Laurens board was buying beer and whiskey from concerns in Georgia, a prohibition State. Turning to the effects of the drink evil Mr. Pheby declared that whiskey was ruining the young men and that the present crop of lawless brought upon the criminal courts were directly or indirectly caused by liquor. He had always voted against liquor and expected to so continue with every opportunity.

MAGISTRATE FOR LAURENS.

Messrs. John M. Hodgson (incumbent) and W. R. Richey, Jr., candidates for magistrate for Laurens township, spoke last, after which the meeting was declared adjourned.

Barbecue at Waterloo.

Waterloo, Aug. 22.—Never did the glorious king of day arise from his couch in the east with brighter promise of perfect weather than on yesterday—the day of the long talked of barbecue.

Never was promise more faithfully kept. All the responses of the oracles were favorable and was started out with both hearts for a happy day, some going in their usual in carriages and others taking advantage of the fun and amusement derived from a real old fashioned wagon ride, to go in this way.

Arrived at 11 by destination, the crowd gathered in every direction in the woods. Next to the children, the lovers seemed to enjoy the day most.

At 3 o'clock the game of ball between the Cross Hill and Waterloo teams was called, and to say that it was full of interest and excitement from beginning to end is but expressing it mildly.

Mrs. W. B. Body and children, of Greenville, are visiting Major and Mrs. Thos. B. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Harris and daughter, Miss Marie, of Spartanburg, are guests of Col. J. H. Wharton and family.

Mr. Geo. Anderson, of Union is visiting relatives in Waterloo.

Mr. Quince Simms, of Georgia, is at home for a brief stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Fuller left yesterday for a visit to Central.

Dr. J. L. Fennell is visiting his parents in Lowndesville.

Mrs. Chas. W. Anderson, of Spartanburg, is the guest of relatives here.

Mrs. John H. Wharton leaves Thursday for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. John P. Gray, at Woodruff.

Barn and Contents Burned.

Last Tuesday afternoon the barn and corn crib of Mrs. Mattie E. Rowland, who lives four miles northeast of the city, were destroyed by fire, together with a quantity of grain and forage. The fire originated in the crib but from what cause is not known. It is understood that Mrs. Rowland had some insurance on the buildings.

LARGE CROWD HEARD STATE CAMPAIGNERS

MR. JONES COMES BACK TO LAURENS.

Former Superintendent of the City
Schools Elected to Succeed
Mr. Dobson, Resigned.

Mr. Barney L. Jones, of Newberry, has been elected superintendent of the Laurens city schools to succeed Mr. R. A. Dobson, resigned. Mr. Jones has accepted the position and the schools will open some time next month, probably about the third week. Mr. Jones was superintendent of the Laurens schools four years, from 1901 to 1905, and he is therefore familiar with the work here. Moreover, he is regarded one of the best and most successful school men in the State and his return to Laurens will give great satisfaction. Since his retirement from school work three years ago Mr. Jones has been engaged in the insurance business, but he has kept in touch with the educational interests of the State and is probably better equipped than ever for the work, especially from the standpoint of his health, which was none too vigorous when he resigned from the superintendency of the Laurens schools in 1905.

THE NEWS AT NEWBERRY.

Following is from the Newberry Observer, Friday, August 21st, in reference to the election of Mr. Jones as superintendent of the Laurens schools:

Greatly to his surprise Mr. Barney L. Jones received an offer on Wednesday from the board of trustees of the superintendency of the graded schools of the city of Laurens. After considering the matter he decided to accept.

Mr. Jones was superintendent of the Laurens city schools several years, resigning three years ago to come to Newberry and go into the insurance business at the beginning of the campaign this year. Mr. Jones is a very capable man, and with the proper assistance he could carry on the school work and the insurance business at the same time. Of course he withdraws now from the race for county superintendent.

Mr. Jones has numerous friends in Newberry but they are sure he will be very successful in the work for which he has already proved his special fitness.

Following is the letter containing the offer of the position from the Laurens board of trustees:

Laurens, S. C., Aug. 18, 1908.

Dear Sir: We have been left in an unfortunate position in reference to our school, our superintendent having resigned at the last moment. A meeting of our board to canvass the situation and endeavor to get a man for our school, your name having been suggested, and knowing that you were thoroughly familiar with our work and would be highly acceptable to all our patrons, you were unanimously elected superintendent of our schools for the session 1908-9 at a salary of \$1,500.

We would urge and request that you give us your immediate acceptance as our schools are scheduled to open within the next thirty days. We appreciate the good service you have given us during the years you were with us and are satisfied you will find the work more pleasant the coming session.

Thanking you for your early reply, I am,

Yours very truly,
C. H. ROPER,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

Following is a card from Mr. Dobson expressing his regret at leaving and his thanks to the people of Laurens:

"I regret very much that it has become necessary for me to sever the relations which have bound me so intimately and pleasantly to Laurens and her interests, but my physical condition and other influences render such severance advisable. I shall ever regard my stay in Laurens as most pleasant and shall cherish the memories of it always. My sincere thanks go out to those who have so generously assisted me in improving the educational conditions of the community. I trust that the same may continue to improve in every way possible."

Madden Personals.

Mrs. Mornus Hudgens, who has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. John A. Madden, left Lanford to visit her father and other relatives and friends.

Mr. T. V. Brown and family spent one day during the meeting with Mrs. Allison and Teague.

Mr. J. D. Culbertson is, we hear, preparing to run the ginney the coming season.

Mr. Calvin Cheek visited Prof. Culbertson Sunday. His daughter, Miss Lula, came too and will remain a few days with her uncle.

Masters Will and Jared Wofford after a few days visit to their uncle, J. A. Wofford, have returned to their home at Woodruff.

Mr. P. H. Martin spent Saturday in Spartanburg.

Final Meeting Held in Laurens Saturday Morning.

ANSEL AND BLEASE GET MUCH APPLAUSE

Excepting Mr. Caughman the Candidates
Made Their Usual Speeches—Some of
the Incidents of the Meeting.

Fully 2,000 people heard the candidates here Saturday morning, in the last meeting of the State Campaign.

The meeting was held in open air at the Park where all such gatherings assemble, presided over by County Chairman R. A. Cooper, and attended by voters from every section of Laurens county. There were at least one hundred ladies present. No special feature marked the day's events unless the tremendous applause accorded Senator Ansel and the rather serious charge against Mr. W. G. Childs made by Mr. B. L. Caughman might so be termed. In the course of his speech and to show his clean record as railroad commissioner Mr. Caughman stated that Mr. W. G. Childs of Columbia had tried to "buy him" and that he had cursed Mr. Childs and left his office in disgust; this was the first time Mr. Caughman has made this statement on the stump.

Senator Blease was greeted with considerable applause at the opening of his impassioned speech and was often interrupted with lusty cheers during his address. Governor Ansel was heartily applauded both as he faced the people and when he took his seat; during his speech he was several times interrupted by questioners, some sober and others under the influence of wine, leading from the amount of

made Mr. Blease was decidedly the favorite, although Mr. Ansel had a very large following present. The feature of Governor Ansel's speech was his clear cut account of his stewardship and the business-like discussion of the State's finances. Mr. Blease's speech was characterized by the violent attacks upon Mr. Ansel's extravagant administration, his plans of persecution, vicious epithets against Editor W. E. Gonzales, a few "for God's sake", "in heaven's name" and such like, to all of which the crowd cheered with energy.

All the aspirants to State offices were on hand and addressed the people of Laurens except those who have no opposition and Mr. N. W. Brooker for Comptroller General.

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER.

Mr. B. L. Caughman, candidate for re-election for State railroad commissioner, was the first speaker. Recited briefly his public record. Indulged in an exchange of words with Mr. Summersett, one of his opponents, and passed on to the relation of a conference with President Childs of the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens railroad, which was held in the private office of Mr. Childs, and in which Mr. Childs tried to "buy him," whereupon he, Caughman, "cussed Childs out" and left the office in disgust.

Col. Fishburne came next. Told of his record in the Confederate army and during the reconstruction period. Had lived a clean and upright life. Did not carry whiskey around in pocket or valise; in fact he does not use the stuff in any form.

Col. Richardson was proud to come to the fine old county of Laurens. He too, went into the Confederate army as a youth, and gave his best efforts to his State in the memorable days of reconstruction. Had many years of experience in railroad building and the practical operation of these enterprises.

Mr. Summersett referred to his residence in Laurens, and passed on to a discussion of certain circulars being used in the campaign; declared the railroad rates in this State higher than in Georgia and North Carolina, and closed with an appeal to the voters to elect a practical railroad man, which he claims to be.

Mr. Causler provoked much merriment at the expense of his opponents and closed amid general applause.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

Mr. Brooker, Comptroller General Jones' opponent, being absent the in-

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