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KEENEST INTEREST IN GREAT CONTEST

No Abatement In Battle of Ballots.

MOSELEY STILL IN LEAD

Miss T. Craig Hunter Holds Second Place With Misses Zelle Blakely and Mary Smith Next.

And still they come. The ballots fell thick and fast during the week just closed and while the relative standing of the candidates has not undergone material change, the vote of each has been considerably advanced. Several thousand votes were polled on Monday, as the count below will show. Roland Moseley of Laurens still holds a strong lead, having to his credit 33,380 votes; Miss T. Craig Hunter of Ora is second with 21,830 and Misses Zelle Blakely and Mary Smith of Laurens and Waterloo respectively are following close.

The candidates are urged not to lose heart and give up in despair; there is plenty of time yet to overcome any kind of lead, and there is plenty of territory in the county that has not yet been worked. For instance, it is learned that very little has been done in Cross Hill township, and no strong efforts have been put forth in Clinton and vicinity. Why does the contest run so long? Simply to give everybody a chance; a short contest of but a few weeks would make it easy for some candidate who happened to live in a thickly settled center to pile up a big vote in just a few days and then rest on his oars. The time allotted gives all an equal opportunity. About eight weeks yet remain, and in that time a vast deal of work may be done.

For the benefit of many the rules of the contest are here reproduced:

Rules of Contest.

1. The contest opens Monday, Aug. 2nd, and closes on Tuesday, November 30th, 1909.

2. The contest is open to any white person residing within the territory covered by The Advertiser, except those employed in The Advertiser office and members of their immediate families.

3. Every dollar secured on renewals or new subscriptions entitles the candidate to 200 votes; other amounts, smaller or larger, at the same ratio.

4. Only one Nomination ballot will be allowed each candidate; these are good for 500 votes.

5. The Weekly coupons, good for ten votes, are not restricted as to number, but must be voted within the three weeks prescribed by the date as printed thereon.

6. No candidate will be allowed to transfer his or her votes to another.

7. The person receiving the highest number of votes will be awarded the first prize; the next highest, the second prize; and so on according to the standing of the candidates at the close of the contest.

8. The Advertiser will not be responsible for any moneys paid to candidates and not received in this office and receipted for by the management.

9. The Advertiser reserves the right to change any of the rules of the contest or make any additional regulations that will be fair to all and the candidates, or to reject any candidate for reason satisfactory to itself.

Standing of Candidates.

Roland Moseley, Laurens	33,380
Miss T. Craig Hunter, Ora ..	21,830
Miss Zelle Blakely, Laurens..	19,830
Miss Mary Smith, Waterloo ..	19,730
Miss Mary D. Sullivan, Laurens	13,970
Miss Pearl Medlock, Ft. Inn ..	8,030
Mrs. Clyde Martin, Laurens ..	8,490
Miss Willie Peterkin, Laurens	7,590
J. O. Teague, Waterloo..	6,470
Miss Edith Sexton, Laurens ..	4,720
Miss Edith Teague, Mountville	4,460
Miss Sadie Fuller, Mountville	4,500
Miss Lucia Wolff, Gray Court	1,500
Miss Nannie Burns, Laurens..	1,510
Miss Jessie Thomson, Laurens	1,510
Miss Lilly Mae Reid, Cross Hill	1,470
R. W. Hudgens, Mountville ..	510
Cris Arnold, Laurens	500

Buys New Automobile.

Mr. T. D. Fullerton has purchased a new touring car, a Maxwell of the 1909 model. The purchase was made of Mr. Frank Gibbes of Columbia. Mr. Darlington accompanied by Messrs. W. D. Ferguson, Vance Irby and R. F. Jones, went to Columbia Monday night and returned in the car Tuesday, Mr. Jones driving.

ALL THREE VAMOOSED SAYING GOOD-BYE

Three Hoboes Broke City Jail Sunday Afternoon Leaving Regrets to the "Dear Mayor."

Yes, they left us Sunday afternoon, waving a sweet and affectionate farewell; especially was the "dear mayor" remembered in the sad departure. They left a pretty post card, all neatly tied with yellow ribbons, addressed to Mayor Babb, itemizing their account with him, saying they would return, maybe, and stating that business had called them away.

Friday afternoon Chief Bagwell ran in three hoboes, all young white fellows. They were in the lock-up awaiting trial. But they decided that on account of pressing business engagements elsewhere they would not remain for the trial; so, on Sunday afternoon, when the city was wrapt in its peaceful Sabbath quiet, they folded their tents and "silently stole away," leaving for parts unknown. By an ingenious trick they twisted the chain on the cell door and squeezed out. In the cell was left a kind note for the mayor.

The little remembrance was a post card, one side of which was a photo of Bob's girl. On the other side was inscribed this touching farewell: "Dear Mayor, Business called; will be back soon, maybe. Charge this to next crap." Signed, B. Turner. And following was the itemized claim that Bob had against the "dear mayor:" "One gun, $18.00; cash, $2.40; and dice, $4.50." It should be explained that the unusually high valuation on the dice was due to the fact that Bob was an expert in their handling; he was a crap-shooter from 'way back.

It was a matter of sincere regret that the three men, among them our friend Bob, could not be present at the mayor's court Tuesday.

DEATH OF A LITTLE CHILD.

Little Miss Louise Stone of Atlanta Dies While Visiting.

Cross Hill, Sept. 20.—Mrs. Guy Stone and children of Atlanta are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hollingsworth. Louise, her little daughter was taken sick and died last Saturday evening. Mr. Stone came to Cross Hill on Friday. Interment at the Presbyterian cemetery was made Sunday afternoon. They have the sympathy of our people.

Mrs. J. W. Koon has been quite sick for more than a week.

Dr. E. W. Pinson has returned from an extended visit to Atlanta.

An interesting meeting has been in progress at the Baptist church during the past week. Rev. J. E. Covington of Greenville county is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. A. Marsh.

Misses Vernon Calhoun and Lula May Fowler of Greenwood county were Cross Hill visitors during the past week.

Miss Lillian Pruitt left last Saturday for her school work at Calhoun Falls.

Mr. Maxey Burns left last Thursday for Erskine.

Mr. Earl Rice will leave for Greenville today to enter Furman.

Misses Kate and Anne Austin will go to Clinton tomorrow to take up their studies at the Presbyterian College of South Carolina.

Miss W. L. Pruitt is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pruitt.

Miss Sara Beaks has returned to her school work at Gray Court.

Civic League Reorganizes.

At a call meeting the secretary of the civic league on Friday night, quite a large number of the ladies, both members and prospective members, met in the chamber of commerce room Monday afternoon and reorganized the league. Mrs. T. D. Duffie was elected president, and Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, first vice president; Mrs. H. K. Allen was re-elected 2nd vice president. A committee was appointed to confer with Supervisor Hunter, learn his intentions regarding the walks for the court house square and get his permission to plant grass on the plot.

Big Rally of Farmers.

Mr. J. Wade Anderson, secretary of the Laurens County Farmers' union, urges all the members of the union to be in Laurens on Monday, Oct. 4th, for the big rally. Some prominent speakers will be here and the best meeting of the year is promised.

Criminal Court Next Week.

The fall term of general sessions court will be convened next Monday morning with Judge Samuel W. G. Shipp presiding.

MR. EARL V. BABB ORDAINED.

Recent Graduate of Furman Enters The Ministry.

On September the 19th, at the call of Rabun Creek church a council consisting of Revs. E. C. Watson, W. T. Derieux, W. E. Thayer, J. H. Machen, and deacons A. Abercrombie, R. A. Cooper, L. H. Roper, J. L. Power, W. M. Gray, T. F. Babb, W. A. Baldwin, C. A. Babb, H. H. Mahon and C. B. Bobo was convened for the purpose of setting apart Mr. Earl V. Babb to the gospel ministry. The council was organized by leecting Rev. E. C. Watson chairman, and C. B. Bobo secretary. By request of the council Dr. W. T. Derieux conducted the examination.

The examination being satisfactory, a motion was made to recommend to the church that ordination be proceeded with. Recommendation being ratified by the church, the public ordination services followed, consisting of sermon by Rev. W. E. Thayer, prayer by Rev. E. C. Watson, followed by laying on hands of council, and presentation of Bible by Rev. W. T. Derieux, after which the congregation was dismissed by Mr. E. V. Babb.

Mr. Babb is a graduate of Furman university, and is now pursuing his the degical studies at Colgate seminary, and is a member of the Students' Volunteer band. He is a young man of sterling qualities, and his many friends are confident that his will be a strong and useful life.

Convict Escaped From Gang.

Foreman John Bolt of the county gang at present working in the Ekom section, was in the city Sunday looking for John Fuller, who escaped from the convict camp on Saturday night. The matter was reported to the sheriff. It is learned from Sheriff Owings that this is the fourth escape from this division of the county gang in the past year, and the third within the past two months.

Preaching at Friendship.

There will be preaching at Friendship Presbyterian church, on Sunday, September 26th, by Rev. James M. Dallas of Ware Shoals.

Mrs. S. C. Todd in America.

Mrs. S. C. Todd, who has been for five years in mission work at Macao (and adjoining stations), in South China, is now in America for a much needed rest. She has stood heavily at the front of the battle in mission work since the loss of her beloved husband, Rev. S. C. Todd, in the house last about a year ago. She is now with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lazenby, at Calhoun Falls, but will go to Laurens sometime later, where she is specially invited for the remainder of the coming year.

MEETING OF CITIZENS IS CALLED FOR THURSDAY

"By direction of the chamber of commerce, at an meeting held on September 13th, I hereby call attention to the fact that the business meeting of the chamber of commerce will be held on Thursday, September 23rd, at 8 o'clock, p. m., in the city hall. As a special feature, Mr. R. H. Allen, president, and W. R. Richbourg, secretary, of the chamber of commerce, of Columbia, will be present and address the meeting. It is hoped that every official man in the city will be present at this meeting as matters of importance to the interests of Laurens will be brought up for discussion and disposition.

The chamber of commerce met Monday night and received the report of Messrs. R. A. Cooper and J. B. Brooks on the rights of way. All rights of way, with one exception, and this we will be secured at once, were secured as obtained. This is the result of several days' hard work by the committee.

At the meeting Monday night the stock subscription was commenced and an encouraging amount realized. Prospects still bright. The work seems to be under way, for the officers are quite pressing Mr. Hadley and their assistance.

Blind Tiger Convicted.

Dock Gibbs, a negro, was convicted Tuesday afternoon in the mayor's court on the charge of transporting whiskey. He was sentenced to pay a fine of $25 or go to the chain gang for 30 days.

MR. JOHN H. THOMASON DEAD.

Aged and Respected Citizen Passed Away Monday Morning.

Mr. John H. Thomason, aged 72 years, a highly respected citizen of Laurens died at 10 o'clock Monday morning at his home on Laurens street, the news of which occasioned much sorrow among his many friends here. The funeral services and the interment were at Green Pond Methodist church yesterday morning, conducted by Rev. S. T. Blackman, of Fountain Inn, pastor of the deceased.

Mr. Thomason was a native of this county, having been reared in the Fairview section. Several years ago he came to Laurens where he has conducted a grocery establishment and a boarding house, up to the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Emma Owings of Dials, and two sons and a daughter, the eldest being Mr. Robert Thomason of Fairview.

In the war between the states, Mr. Thomason was a faithful soldier in Co. E, 2nd South Carolina calvary, Butler's regiment. He served throughout the war. He was a good citizen and a consistent member of the Methodist church. The sympathy of the community is extended his bereaved wife and children.

SECURES EVIDENCE IN THE BIGHAM CASE

Solicitor Wells of Twelfth Circuit Visits Mountville and Waterloo Gathering Evidence.

The fact, as stated in the Georgetown specials to the daily press, that Mr. Matthew B. Crisp, father of Mrs. G. C. Bigham, who met such a tragic death several days ago at Murrell's Inlet, would not appear in the prosecution of Dr. Bigham and Mr. W. B. Avant, has been rather a feature of the unfortunate case and has caused much comment. While receiving no direct statement from Mr. Crisp himself, The Advertiser learns on reliable authority that Mr. Crisp has withdrawn his objections to the prosecution and will assist the solicitor in every way possible. This is one of the results of a visit to this county by Solicitor Walter H. Wells of the Twelfth circuit during the past few days.

Solicitor Wells has been in this community for several days gathering data upon which to base the prosecution. His visits were made particularly to Mountville and Waterloo, the former home of the accused woman and where a number of her relatives still reside. The facts that he gathered it is understood, will throw a flood of light upon the tragedy as the investigation was thorough and searching.

When Mr. Crisp returned from Georgetown, where he was quite a witness and cited to the proceedings of the Twelfth circuit, he claimed that the whole affair was a terrible tragedy and an accident. He is said to have expressed as belief to friends at Mountville—that the men were innocent of design. Doubtless his few but pointed words from Mr. Crisp will be supplemented by knowledge of what other witnesses from Murrell's Inlet will testify, as a strong case will be made for Wells.

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NO NEWS IN MATTER OF MAIL DELIVERY

Government Inspector Visits Laurens, But Nothing Is Learned Matter Up To Congressman.

Mr. E. D. Leatty, an official in the U. S. Postoffice department, made a visit to Laurens during the past week in reference to the city delivery of mails, spending Thursday here in conference with Postmaster McCravy. The result of the conference and the investigation is not definitely known, except the fact that nothing "seems to be doing" in the matter.

Col. McCravy showed the inspector over his books, citing the fact that according to the requirements Laurens was now entitled to free city delivery, and had been since the first of the year; that the street and house numbering were in accord with the laws governing such matters. It was learned through the inspector that the postoffice department has a deficit of $20,000,000 and that additional expenses are being taken on as slowly as possible. Hence there is not much encouragement for the people's hopes to have free delivery established right soon.

From information that is direct and that seems thoroughly reliable, it appears that Postmaster McCravy has exhausted every means at his command to secure the free delivery, and that whatever efforts are put forth in the future must be by Congressman Johnson of this district. Mr. Johnson was in the city last week but whether or not he made any investigation in the matter, or has done anything in reference to the delivery is not known.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. W. BLAKELY.

Veteran and Aged Citizen Rests in Old Bethany Churchyard.

Tylersville, Sept. 21.—The funeral of the late Mr. J. Warren Blakely whose death occurred Tuesday afternoon under peculiarly sad circumstances, took place Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Bethany Presbyterian church, the service being conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Jacobs of Clinton. Interment in the churchyard followed the service. The active pall bearers were Messrs. J. W. Denman, D. A. Glenn, W. M. Myers, T. P. Poole, C. A. Owens, W. B. Harmon, Lonzo Irby, W. J. Copeland, J. O. Templeton, S. A. Fulton, William Denman, Jr., W. A. Shands, C. A. Folly, J. P. Sloan, B. C. Epps, B. P. Blakely, J. R. Anderson, D. Wilson Blakely, W. F. Wright, Elford M. Henry.

The death of Mr. Blakely removes from this community one of the best citizens. His life was spent in this community and he was known at all times as a quiet, christian gentleman. A year ago the wife of his youth died and he married Miss Martha Hunter, who survives together with several grown and married children. At the last call to arms of Mr. Blakely volunteered, joining company F, Fifth South Carolina regiment.

For a year or more Mr. Blakely had been in feeble health, his family and friends had felt such an affliction would come upon them. On Tuesday morning he had been in his office in Laurens and was apparently in good health. On his way home he became ill and died before reaching home. Funeral services were conducted at Bethany church Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. A. B. Lancaster Here.

Rev. A. B. Lancaster, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Greenville, delivered a sermon at Laurens last night in behalf of the Y. M. C. A. [illegible]

Charged With Blind Tigering.

Claude Alverson and Will Gaddy were charged with selling Charleston Lager beer in violation of the local option law. Alverson was arrested Friday morning by Magistrate Mahon and Gaddy by Constable Hunter. Both were released on bond for their appearance before the mayor Monday morning. [illegible]

Palmetto Masons To Work.

Palmetto Lodge No. 19 A. F. & A. M. will [illegible] work in the M. [illegible]

TAX LEVY DEFEATED BY NEGRO'S BALLOT

Serious Situation at Long Branch.

ELECTION HELD FRIDAY

"Unknown Tongue" People Alleged to Have Defeated Tax Levy by Influencing Negro.

Rather an unusual occurrence was revealed last Saturday morning in the report of the Long Branch school trustees on the election held on Friday at that school on the question as to whether or not that district, Scuffletown number 1, should levy a 2 mill special school tax. It was the fact that a negro, one Preston Blakely, had cast a ballot against the tax, thus defeating the vote, thus temporarily at least, defeating the levy. It is alleged that the "unknown tongue" people in that section influenced the negro to vote against the levy, which they themselves unanimously opposed.

It is recalled that the Long Branch school was in the public eye last spring when the county board of education dismissed the board of trustees of that school because it had employed a teacher not properly qualified to teach. Miss Lane of Aiken county, it is recalled, was the teacher of the school, and there was much complaint on the part of the non-believers of the unknown tongue that too much of the school's time was consumed in teaching that religion. Another board of trustees was named: Messrs. J. Wilson Blakely, S. R. Todd, and G. W. Cunningham. This board at once dismissed Miss Lane and employed Miss Lydie Sloan. However, the advocates of the unknown tongue set up a private school for the remainder of the session and retained Miss Lane.

Realizing the need of more money to improve the school and to lengthen the term the trustees circulated a petition for an election which according to announcement was held last Friday. Scuffletown number 1 has at present no tax levy; and the desire was to fix a tax of 2 mills to improve and enlarge the school.

The division and close vote of last spring it is thought by the new board of trustees, caused the unknown tongue people to vote almost solidly against the levy. Some school only the white people [illegible] would be benefited by the levy, [illegible] the negro [illegible] the levy [illegible] the school [illegible] the negro [illegible] the levy [illegible] the school [illegible] the negro [illegible] the levy [illegible] the school