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SHOWER OF BALLOTS FELL DURING WEEK

Leading Contestants Make Great Gains.

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Contest is Getting Warmer and Warmer—Paper Will be Put on Cash in Advance Basis.

Warm! Warm! Warm!! And just a little bit warmer grows this great contest. Talk about good, wholesome rivalry? Why the like was never seen in old Laurens county before, and the rivalry intensifies as every day passes. What will it be in the wind-up. Just a few more weeks remain, and the great battle will end, and the four victors will be declared. The prizes belong to the valiant.

There are no material changes this week in the standing of the contestants. Roland Mosley took a little spirit and landed his vote at 55,180, while Miss T. Craig Hunter maintained her position in second place.

Important Notice.

The Advertiser announces that on and after January 1st of next year the paper will be put on a strictly cash-in-advance basis. This means that every subscriber is to pay for the paper in advance of seeing it. This move is made after careful deliberation on the part of the management, who feel certain that the people after viewing the situation in the right light, will welcome the change as the only correct and proper business method. On January 1st every subscriber whose paper is not paid up in advance will be cut off—no exceptions will be made. Let the candidates keep this announcement in mind, and secure the renewals now. There are a great many people in the county whose subscriptions expire the first of January and the first of February. It will be about the same thing for these to renew now as later, let the people keep this in mind.

Standing of Candidates.

Roland Mosley, Laurens 55,180
Miss T. Craig Hunter, Orange 50,750
Miss Mary Smith, Waterbury 36,850
Miss Zella Blakely, Laurens 32,820
Miss Mary D. Sullivan, Laurens 29,750
Miss Pearl Medlock, Ft. Mill 28,750
Mrs. Clyde Mendenhall, Laurens 28,500
Miss Willie Priddy, Laurens 28,250
Miss Edith Thomas, Mountville 27,100
Miss Sadie Fuller, Mountville 26,500
Miss Lillie Mae Ridd, Cross Hill 24,900
Miss Ethel White, Laurens 24,850

Case of Pellagra Cured.

Mr. J. V. Pitts of the Poplar Springs section of the county was in the city last week and in conversation with the Advertiser reporter stated that his daughter-in-law, Mrs. B. B. Pitts, had been cured of the dread disease, pellagra. He said that the attending physician, Dr. J. L. Donnan of Ware Shoals, had consulted a number of authorities about the case and that it had been pronounced, beyond question, pellagra. Mrs. Pitts was in what are considered the last stages, but now she is about completely recovered. It was not stated just what treatment the doctor employed.

Delegates To Synod.

Mr. J. Wells Todd and Rev. C. W. Rankin have been elected delegates to the South Carolina synod, which meets in Charleston the latter part of October.

Bazaar on November 11th.

The King's Daughters will hold a bazaar at the armory on November 11th, instead of the 12th, as announced last week; the change is made because there will be a special attraction at the school on the night of the 12th. The bazaar will last all day; dinner will be served, and lunches sold. All kinds of good things will be on sale, particularly among these will be a select lot of flower bulbs. Be sure to keep this in mind. The bazaar is for the benefit of the hospital fund.

Banner Cotton Day.

Last Saturday was the banner cotton day this season in Laurens, 526 bales having been marketed here during the day. The ruling price was 12.90, and it is estimated that the total amount paid out for the staple approximated \$33,000. The receipts on Monday and Tuesday were very good and the price remains steady at Saturday's figure.

Keep your word and your word will keep you.

ENOREE W. M. UNION CONVENES TOMORROW

Missionary Workers In Annual Convention at Presbyterian Church

The Woman's Missionary union of the Enoree presbytery will convene in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church of this city at 4:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, continuing in session until Friday night. The business sessions in the mornings and afternoons are exclusively for the ladies, but the public generally are invited to the evening services.

It is announced that Rev. L. C. Vass, who has been a missionary in Africa for twelve years, will make addresses on Thursday and Friday evenings, using magic lantern illustrations. He will also speak to the children at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. The people will do well to hear Mr. Vass.

The full program is as follows:
Thursday, October 14th.

4:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises. Enrollment of delegates. Music. Prayer. Social half-hour.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises. Rev. C. E. Rankin. Address of welcome by Rev. C. E. Rankin. Address by Missionary Rev. L. C. Vass. Collection. Music. Prayer.

Friday, October 15.

9:30 a. m.—Devotional exercises. Minutes of 1908. Reports of Societies. Report of Executive Committee. Report of missionary visitor. Discussion on literature and mission. Study classes, led by Mrs. Watkins and Miss Della Craig.

7:00 p. m.—Prayer and praise service for our missionary work at home and abroad, by Mrs. Robt. Adams. Our Country Societies, discussion led by Mrs. Hunter of Old Fields and Mrs. Anderson of Centre Point. Report of Treasurer. Unfinished and new business. Election of officers. Selection of place of next meeting. Music. Prayer.

4:00 p. m.—Special service for children.

7:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises. Address by Missionary, Rev. L. C. Vass. Collection.

9:30 p. m.—Devotional exercises. Address by Dr. Martin Ingold, Trinity Our Lady's children, by Mrs. W. T. Austin. Missionary letters. Our Missionary Home. At. Margaret. Prayer. Adjournment.

Will Move Family Here.

At an early date, Mrs. J. F. Hicks who has been in the city and sale business for some time, will move her family to Laurens from Kingsville, Md. They will occupy the carriage on South Harper street at present occupied by Mr. Chas. H. Hicks, who will move into the Gray house on Main street in which Mr. D. H. Coates now resides. These moves will be made some time within the next month. Mr. J. F. Hicks is associated with his son, Mr. Chas. H. Hicks in the livery business and has been here for some time, returning to his family at intervals. The contemplated move of this family to Laurens will be heartily welcomed by all who know Mr. Hicks.

The Floral Show.

The fourth annual floral show will be held at Owings on Nov. 13, 1909, for everybody's sake, as this will be the best show in the history of the association.

LUCAS SAVINGS BANK OPEN.

New Institution at Watts Edges Begins With Good Business.

On last Friday the Lucas Savings bank at Watts mills opened for business. The institution is especially for the benefit of the operatives of the mill, and was planned by Messrs. Smyth and Swygert. On the first two days the bank received deposits of something over \$200, with continual and encouraging business every day since. With the strong backing the bank has, it will succeed and be of vast benefit to the people of that community.

The officers of the bank are: J. Adger Smyth, Jr., president; Thos. J. Swygert, cashier, and P. B. Irby, assistant cashier. The directors are: E. A. Smyth and J. E. Shirine of Greenville, J. A. Smyth, Jr., T. B. Wallace and T. I. Swygert of Laurens. Mr. Swygert, who has the greater part of the management in hand, is one of the safest, most energetic young business men in Laurens; his ability is beyond question, and the bank is certain to prosper under his direction.

A chaperon is merely a fender for keeping a girl from colliding with the wrong man.

WILL ASSIST PROSECUTION.

Solicitor Cooper Will Appear In Case Against Bigham and Avant.

The court of general sessions for Georgetown county meets next Monday. Judge Richard C. Watts will preside. One of the most important cases docketed for the term is that of the state vs Dr. G. C. Bigham and W. B. Avant, charged with murder, the killing a few weeks ago in that county of Mrs. Ruth Crisp Bigham, the young wife of Dr. Bigham, one of the defendants.

The trial of this case promises to be one of the most sensational ever heard in South Carolina. It is recalled that Solicitor W. H. Wells of that circuit visited Laurens county shortly after the arrest of Bigham and Avant for the purpose, as was learned, of consulting Mr. A. B. Crisp, father of the deceased young woman, and for the additional purpose of making some personal investigations of her former home and community surroundings.

Since that, it is understood, Solicitor R. A. Cooper of this circuit has been employed by the prosecution, and he will appear in the case when it comes up for trial next week. It is also stated that a prominent lawyer of the Georgetown bar has been retained to assist the solicitor.

It is not known just what part the case will come up for trial, but a number of Laurens county witnesses expect to be in attendance upon the court during the week, or until the case is disposed of.

GOT VERDICT OF \$500.

Mental Anguish Case Heard In Greenwood Lived In Laurens.

In the court of common pleas at Greenwood last Thursday, was tried a mental anguish case against the Western Union Telegraph Co., resulting in a verdict of \$500 damages for the plaintiff, Miss Lily Brown of this city. A change of venue was asked and the trial was not held in this county.

The grounds of the suit were the failure on the part of the company's employees here to deliver a telegram to Miss Brown from Mr. C. E. Vincent of Albany, Ga., which bore the news of the dangerous illness of Mrs. Vincent, Miss Brown's sister. Miss Brown is a daughter of Mr. H. P. Brown, who until recently lived at the Laurens Cotton mills; he is now a resident of Clinton. At the trial it was testified that Miss Brown could not be located after diligent search. Mr. P. M. Reed was at the time in charge of the telegraph office here, and it was November 23rd, of last year.

Among the witnesses from Laurens were Mayor C. M. Babb, Police Chief W. H. DeLoan and Walter Mendenhall, who was messenger boy at the time.

RAMON CREEK NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Shaw Mahaley Visits Relatives at Rubin. Other Items.

Rubin, Oct. 11. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Babb, quite a pleasant day last Thursday spent in honor of their uncle, Mr. Shaw Mahaley of Townsville. Those present were Mrs. Nancy Owens and son, W. D. Owens, Miss Rebecca Owens and daughter, Miss Edna, Messrs. Martin and William Ashedroy. Mr. Mahaley was down on a short visit to see his brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Carrie Sexton and daughter, Miss Joe Matthews are visiting Mr. Robert Bolt and relatives in this community.

Misses Mae and Allie Babb spent last Wednesday with their cousins, Misses Nannie and Sallie Babb, in the Green Pond community.

Mr. John Mahon and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray last week.

Mr. Bill Vance and father of Augusta Cross Roads spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. Zeb Vance, Mr. W. A. Baldwin and children visited in Ware Shoals Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stobo Bolt spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. W. P. Baldwin.

Miss Vivian Owens of Eden was the guest of Misses Mae and Allie Babb last Friday and Friday night.

Mr. W. M. Mohon, Jr., was in the city Saturday on business.

Dr. J. W. Benson and wife spent Sunday at the home of Mr. T. F. Babb.

Cred of Thanks.

We wish to extend our thanks to the good people of the town of Cross Hill for the attention and kindness shown us during the illness of Mrs. James W. Coon.

J. W. and Mrs. J. W. Coon, Cross Hill, S. C.

ANOTHER INSPECTOR COMING.

Will Investigate Matter of Free Delivery of Mail In City.

There seems to be some confusion in the matter of city delivery of mails for Laurens. As is known, an inspector from the postoffice department visited this city some time ago and made his report at headquarters. Just what that report was is not known, but it was evidently an unfavorable one, since news was later received here that there was no immediate prospect of getting the delivery established.

Dr. H. R. Aiken, president of the chamber of commerce, took the matter up with Congressman Jos. T. Johnson of this district, requesting an investigation. This was complied with and Mr. Johnson writes Dr. Aiken: "I am advised by the postoffice department that the Laurens free delivery matter has been re-opened and another inspector will be sent to Laurens."

It is hoped that the report of this inspector will be favorable, and that the matter will be settled in a timely manner, so that the city will not be further delayed.

Woman's Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church, organized by Mrs. J. F. Babb, held a meeting on Thursday evening of this week. The subject was devoted to the night services.

NEWS FROM "THE GARDEN."

Personal Mention of Eden People and Their Friends.

Eden, Oct. 11.—The Eden High school opened October 11th, with Miss Edna Babb, principal in charge.

Mrs. B. S. Mahaley of Anderson has been visiting friends and relatives this week.

Mrs. Della Aiken and Mr. Glenn Woods were in Eden October 2, at Fountain Falls.

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DESTROYED BY FIRE ON FRIDAY MORNING

Residence and Household Effects of S. B. Fouché Completely Swept Away—House Insured.

A disastrous fire occurred early Friday morning, in which the residence of Mr. S. B. Fouché and his entire household effects were destroyed. The building belonged to Messrs. J. B. Brooks and M. J. Owings, upon which was \$1,000 insurance. Mr. Fouché had no insurance on his goods.

The fire had already made great headway before it was discovered, and the family barely escaped with their lives, being unable to secure even their clothing. Some of the boys were compelled to climb down the porch posts, escape otherwise being cut off. No assistance was to be had from the fire department, the house being located beyond where the water main extends, at the end of South Harper street.

Mr. Fouché and family are now residing in a cottage on Sullivan street, owned by Mr. John H. Peterson, who has kindly given them its use until a better one is located.

MR. FRANK N. BOLAND MARRIED.

Popular Clinton Man Choims Bride In Greenwood. Other Items.

Clinton, Oct. 11.—There is no more popular nor successful young man in Clinton than Mr. Frank N. Boland and when he brings home his bride today she met with a hearty welcome. The young people departed the carriage in which the happy pair were driven to the home of Mr. W. H. Parr and showered them with rice and good wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Boland will be with Mr. and Mrs. Parr for a few days while they are getting ready for home-keeping. They will make their home in the residence on Central street belonging to Mrs. Kennedy.

Mrs. Boland was with Mrs. Thos. Gray morning Mrs. Edna Spradley of Greenwood. The marriage was a very quiet one. The wedding trip was to have included a trip to Seagrist, but Mr. Boland's business intervened and they were compelled to turn back to Clinton.

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MODE OF BAPTISM A MATTER OF DEBATE

Sectarianism Stirring Clinton People.

SERMON LAST SUNDAY

Conservatives Deplore Agitation and Discord Created on Religious Matters of Minor Import.

Clinton, Oct. 11. Whether or not it is proof that they love a fight or that they are really interested in the arguments about the scriptural mode of administering baptism, the fact is that about seven hundred citizens of this town, almost three times as many as can see the regular congregation, assembled in the Methodist church last Sunday morning to hear a sermon on baptism by the Rev. J. H. Mahaley. Every seat was taken and the overflowed with those who had occupied seats within the church, and a great many people were driven out to the sidewalk.

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