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LAURENS, S. C., MAY 4, 1910.

Shall it be \$1,500 or G. C. Bigham?

Wonder where Bigham was "enumerated?"

There comes up from Newberry complaints of dullness "within the county" of things political.

Since 1896 Mr. C. A. Power has been successively elected as secretary of the Laurens County Democratic convention—a tribute to his efficiency and faithfulness.

Hon. O. P. Goodwin has had the honor of presiding over the Democratic convention of Laurens county for quite a number of years.

For the fifth time the Democratic party of Laurens on Monday honored Col. Thos. B. Crews by reselecting him as member of the State Democratic executive committee.

It appears that whole streets in Spartanburg were missed by the census enumerators. That's probably one of the penalties for bothering Greenville's board of trade.

At a massmeeting of the citizens of Walterboro a resolution was adopted, petitioning the town council "to make the office of mayor non-salaried." Better abolish the office and elect a good live intendant as do the towns of Cross Hill and Princeton.

Counsel, it is often noted, will conclude his argument by assuring the jury that whatever the decision rendered he will be perfectly satisfied; whereas if the verdict be adverse he straightway gives notice of intention to argue motion for a new hearing, which of course is his privilege.

The Indiana Democratic party, in convention assembled, unanimsly nominated John W. Kern for the United States Senate. Mr. Kern was a candidate two years ago for vice president on the ticket with W. J. Bryan. His candidacy for United States Senator is endorsed to the Indiana legislature next year.

The chamber of commerce meeting next Tuesday night should have the prompt attendance of every member, and it would be a mighty good time to register the names of a score or more of new members. What about it?

On this occasion the Hon. W. R. Richey and Captain J. Adger Smyth will address the chamber on the "Good of the Town."

The business men and employees from now on through the summer months have the balance of the afternoons after six o'clock for recreation. If there was in the city or its suburbs an attractive park, such as found at Gaffney or Darlington and many other towns no larger than Laurens, how much more enjoyably could the time be spent.

THE MONUMENT FUND.

As will be noted, additional contributions to the Confederate monument fund as given today, as reported by Mrs. Bell, who, as president of the J. B. Kershaw chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, has been untiring in her efforts to raise this fund. The response has been gratifying but there yet remains a considerable sum to be raised within the next few weeks. Mrs. Bell reports that work on the monument is progressing rapidly and that it will be completed early in August. Every Laurens county citizen is interested in the erection of this memorial, and all should have a part in it, for it is to commemorate the deeds and valor of the Laurens county Confederate soldiers. Those who have not subscribed anything and wish a personal interest—an interest that counts for something—can send it to Mrs. R. B. Bell and the contribution will be promptly acknowledged in The Advertiser.

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

In a letter to The Advertiser the writer, after telling of the beauty of the city in which he resides and briefly referring to the greatness and glory of the State of California, pays this tribute to the South:

"I am not thinking to disparage the no less wonderful South which I shall

ever remember with pleasure. I have not forgotten to sound its praise or extoll its attractions. We lived in the South a dozen years, and the country is endeared to us by many sweet associations."

SHOULD TRAIN THE HAND.

Laurens People Should Add Manual Departments to their Schools.

Editor Advertiser:—I take pleasure in handing you the enclosed open letter from our fellow citizen, W. W. Ball and request its publication. We all know that "Billy" Ball has the best interests of his home town ever in mind. His commanding abilities as a newspaper man enforce his residence in the more populous centres, but he is and always will be a "Laurens man". The suggestion he makes is commended to the careful attention of the trustees of our Graded schools and if these gentlemen need the necessary funds to carry it out, I believe our taxpayers, when next called to lay a levy, will give the means, to them. The colored school would of course receive some of the benefits of such expenditure, just as they do, of the regular levy now, and to my way of thinking, it is right and proper that the demagogic cry of "negro tax money only for negro schools."

In the providence of God the negro is here in the South a congenial habitat and he is here to stay. Admitting this, is it not the part of wisdom for us to train his head and his hand and make the most useful citizen and laborer we can, of him? We need and use his unskilled labor and the financial rewards of all our endeavors would be greater were he more efficient. No community in South Carolina has a more competent instructor or better citizen than we have here in the person of Thos. Sanders, Superintendent of colored schools, who has so long, so well and without friction or objectionable feature, conducted this branch of our city school system.

—H. K. Aiken.

Dr. Hugh K. Aiken, president, chamber of commerce.

Laurens, S. C.

My dear Sir:

When I was in Laurens ten days ago and fraternizing with the same healers (who to me are more interesting than the insane healers infesting the country nowadays) I rode through Main street—which name should be changed "Aikin" street means nothing—why not call it "Simpson" street, for the only governor and chief justice that Laurens has given to the State, whose home was on that street? Passing through the street, I say, I fell to ruminating on the old two room frame, one-story "male academy" that stood where Squire Dial's mansion now stands. When I was a lad in the academy and William L. Gray (long since expanded from pedagogue to merchant prince, after a transient halt as a lawyer) presided with admirable aplomb and no lack of muscular Christianity, the little house was already venerable and trenching on decrepitude. Not for two or three decades, if ever, had it known fresh paint but occasionally the roof had been repaired and once or twice in my time the black-boards were repainted, which created something akin to a sensation. But the benches were stout and strong, the big fire-places at either end of the building had hearths made of great rough stones and good hickory and oak wood being plentiful, comfort was abundant and genial in winter in spite of the cracks in the weather-boarding.

Most interesting and suggestive about the little house was its carving. Outside and inside, on the walls, generation following generation had engraved their names or initials with jack-knives and little boy that I was, the names and nicknames of my uncles and cousins used to arouse my interest and wonderment—I remember to this day how "L. H. W." and, under them, "T. R. I. C. K.", the former being the initials of Larry H. Watts and the latter the nickname of his cousin James Watts, who died in camp at Aiken at the beginning of the War, looked. There were scores of names, of the Wattses, Irbys, Sullivans, Garlingtons, Todds, Flemings, Simpsons, Hieckes and others and some of them were cut with a skill and neatness that gave promise of artistic talent. Inside the house were desks, home made desks—doubtless built by some of Dr. Simpson's well trained and cunning negro artificers long before the War—and they had a singular architectural plan. They were a cross, I say it for the want of an apter covey of the master wandered over the parison, between a beehive and a fish-basket, and they stood firmly on low, squat legs. Anyway, they had fine storage capacity for all varieties of books and hostile implements and school commissaries and they served well as places of retreat when the eye of the master wandered over the rooms with an apparent nonchalance that was sometimes deceptive. Then, too, there were the long, narrow writing desks with their prism shaped tops on which we learned to scrawl in our copy-books and all of these

desks and benches were embellished with the handiwork of the schoolboy and his jack-knife.

Against the rules? Why of course, and they preached the care of school property and exacted "incidental fees" then as now—but it was a day of empire and daring and regardlessness of consequences. Much of the history of Laurens for half a century and more was cut into those pine boards and I am sorry that they are gone. I suppose that Jim and Ed Crews, Clarence Kennedy, Sam Wilkes, John McCain, Bob Nicholson, the four Bowen brothers, Oscar and Prior Babb and I and some good fellows, too, who have gone to their reward, enrolled ourselves deeply on more than one desk. As for Genie Wilkes, his carving was so much better than that of the rest of us that it should not be mentioned with ours.

All of this brings up the definition by Thomas Carlyle, or some other old gentleman, of the present as a tool using age. For a small boy to cut with a knife is quite as instinctive as it is for him to rob a strawberry patch, but the two instincts have this wide difference—cutting with a knife may be developed into a useful art while robbing strawberry patches, if encouraged, will make embezzlers and grafters. When I was at the academy I suppose I was rather well advanced. At any rate, I had had far better preparation than most boys had enjoyed and, besides, learning history and geography and grammar came easy to me—not to mention spelling. Had I not imagined myself "smarter" than some other boys who were much older and not studying such big books, it would have been highly creditable to my modesty but, looking back now, I very well know that I wasn't—not that I had an overweening admiration for my parts even then. The simple explanation is that they taught in the schools in those days the things that were adapted especially to my mind and utterly omitted to teach equally useful and necessary things that I would have acquired with exceeding difficulty. So now I approach the object of this letter.

Immediately before my visit to Laurens I was in Marion and was taken to see the manual training departments in the Marion public schools. I shall not describe them in detail but I saw 40 boys working at benches and with turning lathes, making curious and useful articles with their hands, out of wood and doing it well. As many girls were learning to sew and cut patterns. They were all under the instruction of accomplished and thoroughly trained teachers—one of them, Miss Martin, is a graduate of Columbia university, New York. The instinct of the lad to use his jack-knife is being developed to make him a skillful handler of more complex tools and so, when he grows up, when he has a house or a fence to build, he will not be at the mercy of a contractor as, for example, I am. He will know what he is about. With me, I verily believe, at the Laurens academy 30 years ago, were dozens of boys, who, if they had the little start and impetus that are given these lads of Marion, would have become successful contractors and builders and machinists in this age of tremendous industrial energy in the South. That these things should have been taught is as certain as that I, a boy with a bent towards history and writing, should have been given opportunity to learn those branches. In a word, hand-training is as necessary as mental training, but we are only now awakening to the truth that education should not be in a rigidly narrow groove. In Spartanburg, Columbia, Charleston and other towns they are doing or beginning to do what is being done in Marion.

The Marion manual schools are supported out of the public school revenues and they cost comparatively little—the instruction is on a small scale—but the frame buildings were erected with money contributed voluntarily by citizens of Marion. That is what I should like to see duplicated more generously in Laurens. Thirty years ago we looked on a man worth \$50,000 in Laurens as we view a Carnegie now and to raise \$2,000 for a church was to the town an undertaking like the building of a Brooklyn bridge, but Laurens has plenty of well-to-do men in 1910—some of them with growing fortunes measurable in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. To raise from three thousand to five thousand dollars for a good object should be a task of a day and it is time that the people were learning to give more.

Major Hemphill in his brilliant lecture at Yale university last week quoted a gentle and refined Southern matron as having said to a Northern man some years ago that she had "always understand that 'damn-Yankee' was one word". I don't feel that way about the Yankees but when I saw three dozen automobiles lined up in front of Gray's hotel, it was not pleasant to reflect that their sale in Laurens meant the transfer of \$40,000 of Laurens money to Yankee manufacturers and that not a dollar, except the profits of the salesmen, would remain in the South.

We shall not have diversified manufactures in the South until we have a population of trained mechanics—we must make mechanical construction a part of the life of our people so that every boy with a turn for it will have a chance to make the most of his turn. Had manual training in the common schools been introduced in the South 40 years ago, hundreds of young men would have been eager and prepared to go into the automobile industry when it came into being, about 1898. Clemson college is doing and has done excellent work, but if we are to have a rounded education in the South, including the education of the hand and eye to produce as well as of the mind to think, and an efficient people, we must begin at the bottom—in the common schools.

I should add that manual training is not to be confined in meaning to carpentry. The rudiments of farming, gardening and other practical things should, in time, be taught.

Columbia, April 30.

CANDIDATES' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For The Legislature.

At the request of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives and promise to abide by the result of the Democratic primary election. W. R. RICHEY

I am a candidate for reelection to the house of representatives from Laurens county, and hereby pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

JARED D. SULLIVAN.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the legislature from Laurens county, pledging myself to abide the rules and regulations governing the Democratic primary elections.

R. DUNK BOYD.

For County Treasurer.

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of county treasurer, pledging myself to abide by the result of the Democratic primary election. J. D. MOCK.

For Supervisor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of supervisor of Laurens county, subject to all the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary. If elected I shall endeavor to render faithful service. Respectfully H. B. HUMBERT.

For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce my candidacy for reelection as a member of the board of county commissioners, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

For County Auditor.

I am a candidate for the office of auditor for Laurens county, my nomination being subject to the rules of the Democratic primary election.

For Superintendent of Education.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of county superintendent of education of Laurens county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

For Probate Judge.

We are authorized to announce the name of O. G. Thompson as a candidate for the office of Probate Judge, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

OUR SPECIAL NOTICES.

The Byrdville Dairy and Stock farm has purchased a fine Tennessee Black Jack. He is ready for service at the farm; fee \$12.50, insured. Phone No. 10. W. D. Byrd & Son, Prop., Laurens, S. C. R. F. D. 3.

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Lost—A broad, black enameled gold bracelet last Sunday night between Capt. Philpot's residence and First Baptist church. Finder leave same at Philpot's store. 40-11

Lost—Will pay liberal reward for return of Oasis Shiner's pin lost in city a few days ago. J. S. Machen, Laurens, S. C. 40-11

For Sale—I have for sale four milch cows and 200 bushels Don-gola cotton seed. D. C. Smith, Waterloo, S. C. 40-11

Notice—See advertisement of J. F. Tolbert of insurance of crops against hail or live stock against death. 40-11

Contributions to the Monument Fund.

Following additional contributions to the Confederate Monument Fund are reported by Mrs. R. B. Bell, president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Laurens: Col. John Wharton, \$5; Col. John W. Ferguson, \$5; Col. Thos. B. V. Crews, \$2; Mr. Fleming Smith, \$1; Mr. W. B. Clark of Greenwood, \$60.

Freight Wrecked.
Yesterday morning seven cars of the freight train from Greenville, in charge of Capt. Tolbert, were derailed near Gray Court. The track was torn up for about 150 feet, causing transfer connection of passenger trains 52 and 53. No one was injured, and the track will be speedily repaired.

Mrs. R. D. Nance.
Cross Hill, May 2.—Mrs. Lucia Nance wife of Mr. R. D. Nance died Sunday morning, May 1st after a lingering illness. She leaves besides her husband one daughter, Mrs. Mary Nance Daniel of Saluda and three sons Messrs Carrol D. John Hendy, and Lambert Nance. She was a sister of Drs. J. H. and William Miller and Mrs. Pat Madden, Mrs. Jim Pinson and Mr. W. V. Payne. Internment at Presbyterian cemetery Monday the 2nd at 10 o'clock. Rev. G. W. Hollingsworth, her pastor conducted the service. The floral offerings were beautiful. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended the funeral. The following were pall bearers: Honary: M. T. Simpson, W. B. Fuller, J. W. Simmons, G. L. Carter, L. F. McSwain, J. E. Leaman.

Active: J. Willis Pinson, John Miller, W. T. Boyce, James Koon, John Lomer, J. C. Cook, J. H. Rasor, Arthur Leaman.

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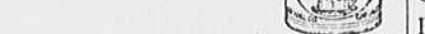
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