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THE CITY COUNCIL REFUSED PETITION

Gave Several Reasons For Doing So.

NO CORPORATION SEEKING ENTRANCE?

Petition of the Freeholders of the City Asking that an Election be Held to Decide Whether Bonds for Railroad Purposes shall be Issued was Turned Down.

As much as to say that the freeholders of the city do not know what they want when they ask for an election to decide whether or not the city shall issue \$17,500 in bonds for the purpose of purchasing stock in an interurban railroad, the City Council Wednesday afternoon turned down the petition of a majority of the freeholders asking that such an election be ordered. The resolution to refuse the request of the freeholders was introduced by Mr. F. P. McGowan. Messrs. T. C. Switzer and J. C. Philpot voted against it and Messrs. F. P. McGowan, N. B. Dial and J. Lee Langston voted in favor of it. Mr. John B. Brooks was not present and the mayor was not required to vote as there was no tie. It is understood that Dr. H. K. Aiken and Mr. W. L. Gray appeared before the council to place the petition before them.

The act of the Legislature, under which the freeholders petitioned the City Council to order the election says that upon the petition of the majority of the freeholders the council shall be empowered and directed to order the election. It further prescribes that the money derived from the bonds shall be paid "in such installments as will guarantee the certain completion of such railroad, when the entire fund shall have been paid over." In addition the city has the right to demand from the railroad, certificates of stock for the amount subscribed.

The resolution of Mr. F. P. McGowan, after making the usual introduction explanatory of the petition, comes as follows:

"Whereas, the said City Council is desirous of and solicitous for the building and operation of an interurban railroad through the city of Laurens for the accommodation of the public, but as it does not appear that any railroad corporation is desirous of building such railroad in the near future and that the line of the said interurban railroad is not located so as to run through the City of Laurens and not from some point on the edge of the corporate limits to some other town or city;

Wherefore, be it resolved, that further consideration of the said petition be and the same is hereby postponed."

Although the petition is only postponed, the action resolves itself into a dismissal of further consideration of the petition.

The action of the council in turning down the petition of the freeholders was severely criticized on every hand by the people of the city when the decision was learned.

Robert Walker Returned.

After several days very pleasantly spent in Columbia, where some have charged that he proved the Jonah of the Columbia ball team, Mr. Robert Walker returned home early Saturday morning. Walker, who is a staunch supporter of the "Comers" went down Thursday expecting to see them trounce the Albany bunch, but Albany turned the tables in the first two games so Walker returned home, greatly disgusted with it all. However, as soon as he left the capital city, his favorites began winning again and the smile returned.

Invited to Anniversary.

Mr. J. T. A. Ballew is in receipt of an invitation, extended by Capt. Dan Crimmins of New York, to attend the first anniversary celebration of Mayor Gaynor's escape from assassination in New York. The celebration will be held in the New York City Hall tomorrow, August 9th. Mr. Ballew is one of a very few invited to receive invitations and is highly honored by it. He has, however, that he will be unable to attend and has sent his regrets to the committee.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN SESSION

Waterloo is Entertaining the Laurens County Sunday School Convention. Waterloo is again a center of activity this week. The Laurens County Sunday School Convention delegates are marching on the town in full force and by the time that all of them get there it is expected that the town will be about "full." W. Carl Wharton is acting as master of ceremonies and generalissimo. That in itself is a guarantee that the Sunday School delegates will be given proper attention.

A number of prominent educators from all over the state are expected to attend and make addresses. Dr. J. S. Moffatt, of Erskine College, made an address yesterday morning and Dr. Geo. B. Cromer last night. Dr. E. M. Poteat will make an address this morning at 1 o'clock. This afternoon the meeting will adjourn.

Mr. W. Carl Wharton is president of the Association and Mrs. R. E. Babb is secretary. The delegates from Laurens to the Convention were Misses Julia Gilkerson and Willie May Childress and Mrs. R. E. Babb, from the Methodist church, and Messrs. A. C. Todd and Alec N. Bramlett from the Presbyterian church.

SHERIFF'S OFFICERS BUSY.

Several Arrests of Minor Character have been Made Within Past Few Days.

Deputy Sheriff Reid went up to Greenville Sunday and returned with J. R. Cunningham, white, who is charged with breach of trust with fraudulent intent, he having gotten money from the Clinton Mills office after some misrepresentations. The sum of \$22.00 is involved in this special case, but it is said that he has made a regular practice getting money dishonestly. He has been lodged in the county jail. He is a native of North Carolina and has no relatives in this section at all.

Richard Workman was caught Saturday night at Greenwood and brought back to Laurens Sunday. He is charged with breach of contract.

Henry Young, colored, was arrested on the streets here last Thursday by Sheriff Owings charged with breach of labor contract. He had left his employer, Mr. William Hunter, several weeks before and was found here by Mr. Hunter. He is now in jail awaiting trial.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.

Several Houses have Changed Hands in Recent Few Weeks.

Mr. G. B. Bundrick has purchased, through Bishop & Wolff, the house of Mr. W. A. Todd, on Caroline Street, and will move into it sometime in September. Mr. Todd will move up on West Main street into the house now occupied by Mr. Clark and known as the Clark boarding house. Mr. and Mrs. Clark will move September 1st to the Traynham house on West Main street.

Mr. John C. Hellams, of Gray Court R. F. D. No. 1, has purchased the livery stable of W. A. Parks on Fleming street. The sale was made by Bishop & Wolff.

Curtailing Output.

The Laurens Cotton Mills, following out the plans of the cotton manufacturers to curtail their product, has shut down their plant for at least a week. The orders to shut down were given Saturday afternoon.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Fae Tucker of Woodruff and Miss Eveline Austin spent last week with Miss Grace Poole on R. F. D. No. 2.

Miss Emmie Hicks of Greenville is visiting Miss Nannie Bramlett.

Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Watson and children have gone to Harbysville to be at the bedside of Mrs. Watson's mother, Mrs. Holcombe, who is very ill.

Miss Estelle Taylor of Princeton was the guest for a few days last week of Mrs. T. Lane Monroe.

Misses Imogene and Kathleen Wilkes leave this week, for Baltimore, where they will visit grandmother and other relatives a few weeks.

Miss Kathleen Wilkes spent week at Greenville, the home of Mrs. J. W. Harris.

COUNTY OFFICERS MOVING.

Clerk of Court Bolt is the First to make a Move He goes to Enterprise Bank Building.

The old county court house is a scene of hustle and bustle these days. All of the officers are making preparations to "shell out" to give place to the contractors. Although all of the officers have not as yet been assigned to rooms by Supervisor Humbert, Clerk of Court Bolt will be in the rooms underneath the Enterprise Bank building. He has already commenced to get his books out.

Mr. Humbert is still on the trade to place the other offices and it cannot be said yet where they will be found. However, it is thought that the trade will be made this morning and then the officers will commence to move out. The books are already being packed up.

CAMPERS AHOY!

Large Fleet Sailed For Boyds Beach Yesterday With Clairs Flying.

What will probably go down in the history of the Laurens School district as the most up-to-the-minute camping expedition sailed from the port yesterday, steering, with full sails ahead, for the waters around Boyds Beach. The fleet, which drifted ashore about seven bells yesterday afternoon, consisted of the following ships of State: Mrs. W. H. Anderson, Misses Lola Anderson, Rosalie Franks, Nannie Kate Huggens, Aurelia Lodge of Gaffney, Ethel Langston, Lucia Wolff, Annie Gilkerson, Lola Fuller of Columbia, and the following schooners: R. G. Franks, Clyde T. Franks, Clyde Fowler, Gus Babb Ossie Anderson and Creswell Fleming. The trip was made in gasoline launches, steamers, brigs, barks and every kind of sailing vessel mentioned in nautical dictionaries.

It is the intention of the commanding officers to remain anchored for about a week. While ashore the crews will be entertained in ten houses with electric lights and waterworks, the latter being situated in that parcel of the camping ground known as the river. During their anchorage they extend a cordial invitation to all land-lubbers to visit them providing, of course, that all who accept this kind invitation bring well-filled baskets.

CALVIN HARPER DEAD.

A Highly Respected Colored Citizen of Laurens Passed Away Last Wednesday.

Calvin, Harper, a negro highly respected by everyone for so many good qualities, died at his home here last Wednesday. For honesty, integrity, and loyalty to those whom he served few of his race can claim a better record, and it goes almost without saying that these qualities have won for him not only a high stand among his people but among the white people that knew him. His record in the War Between the States first showed his loyalty to the whites and this loyalty he has shown many times since in the perilous periods of the South following the great struggle.

Before the war he was owned by William Farley, member of a fine Laurens family and with him as body guard he entered the war, remaining faithful to the south during the four years. Following the death of William Farley at the battle of Brandy Station, Calvin continued in the service as the body guard of Capt. Hugh L. Farley and Capt. R. P. Todd, under whom he proved his bravery on many fields of battle. Following the war Calvin became a prosperous farmer and during the stirring times of '76 he again showed his loyalty to the whites.

During the last few years of his life Calvin was in failing health and the white people of Laurens, realizing his incapacity to make a living and in recognition of the services that he had rendered them, granted him a small pension which was authorized by a special act of the legislature.

Off With The Hounds.

Messrs. John D. W. Watts, Dudley Young and John Bolt left Monday for the lower part of the state to join

deer hunting. Mr. Bolt will be accompanied by a pack of hounds and will return after a few weeks. Mr. Young will probably stay a long time. Mr. Bolt is expected to be home in a few days.

MUST HAVE RECEIPTILES.

Patrons Who Propose to Get the Benefit of the Free Delivery Service Must Provide Boxes.

Only three more weeks now remain before the free delivery system is to be installed in Laurens. The first day of September is the date set for the installation. Two carriers will be put on at first. Although when the service was first awarded several months ago it was announced that only one new carrier would be employed, the other coming from some other town, it has been announced that this plan has been changed and two new carriers will be put on here.

The government demands that proper receiptiles be provided at all doors for the proper reception of the mail. Unless these receiptiles are provided the mail will not be delivered. The citizens should therefore provide themselves with them at once.

Postmaster Hicks leaves tomorrow for Glenn Springs where he will attend the South Carolina Postmasters Convention. He will be gone several days.

Others Follow Suit!

Capt. Bob Huggens has been spending a little of his spare time working the roads between the city and his summer home a few miles out. Supervisor Humbert went over the road with his machines and Capt. Huggens took up the work where Mr. Humbert left off and has put the finishing touches on. The road is now in fine condition and would serve well as an example for other enterprising farmers in the county.

THOSE COTTON BOLLS.

Mr. J. F. Hicks Sends in the First Open Boll and Gets the Free Subscription.

When The Advertiser offered a year's subscription to its paper last week for the first full open boll of cotton, it almost exposed its ignorance of farming. Having just returned from a visit of a couple of weeks in Greenwood, where we had heard no reports of open cotton bolls, we felt safe in making the offer thinking that it would still be a couple of weeks before an open boll would be found. We did not take into consideration however, the usual advanced methods of the Laurens county farmers.

All of the papers had not been gotten off the press Wednesday morning when the first boll was brought in. It had been picked by Mr. J. F. Hicks, Sr. Mr. Hicks was especially proud of the boll for the reason that he was until within the past few years a resident of Tennessee and he considered it quite a victory over the Laurens farmers, who had been planting cotton all of their lives. Mr. Hicks gets the free subscription. H. M. Cole, of Cross Hill, and Elijah Grant, of Waterloo however sent in bolls that were picked before Mr. Hicks'. Their were picked on the 29th.

Others who sent in early bolls were J. O. Teague, Waterloo; C. D. Nance, Cross Hill; J. W. Wells, Gray Court; T. A. Nickels, Waterloo; W. B. Cooper, Owings; S. J. Taylor, Ora; Victor Weathers, Laurens No. 2; and M. L. Nash, of Babbtown. Besides these several telephoned that they had found open bolls.

At "The Bloody Angle."

Mr. W. H. Pinson was in the city Monday and had occasion to come to The Advertiser office in order that he might advise the old soldiers of Co. C, 14th S. C. Regiment that Col. J. N. Brown of Anderson had sent him a letter saying that he would be unable on account of sickness to attend the reunion of the company. Mr. Pinson had with him also an account written by Col. Brown for the Keowee Courier, of the fight at "The Bloody Angle" near Spotsylvania Court House. Gen. McGowan commanded one of the two brigades of the Confederates in this battle and Mr. Pinson's company took part in it. It was one of the severest fights of the war, being specially noted for the fact that a large oak tree was entirely cut down by fire of the guns. Over 7,500 federals lost their lives or were wounded in this battle.

Co. F. P.

Co. F, 14th S. C. Regiment, will hold its annual reunion at the church. The date will be prepared and printed in the near future.

A NEGRO KILLED AT A BARBECUE

Fine Record of the County for Momicides Broken Saturday Night.

The excellent record of Laurens county, no homicides having been committed since November 28th, was broken Saturday night by Andrew Hubbard, colored, who shot and killed Will Thomas. The shooting occurred at Soule's Chapel, near the Newberry line, the negro dying in Newberry county. Both negroes were from Newberry county. The difficulty occurred at a dance following a barbecue near Vaughnville. The shooting was done with a shot gun, following a dispute over which one of the negroes should dance the right wing. Thomas started home, it is said, when Hubbard met him with the gun and shot him in the face. Hubbard then escaped and Thomas went to a nearby house across the Newberry line where he died.

If the negro is caught he will probably be tried in this county, although it would be lawful for him to be tried in Newberry.

RICHARD CARROLL'S MEETING.

Interesting Meeting is Being Held by the Negro Leader at Davis Spring. Rev. Richard Carroll, the well known negro evangelist and industrial worker, is holding a series of meetings at Davis Springs, a mile and a half east of Laurens. The attendance has already grown to large proportions, a number of white people attending some of the meetings.

Richard Carroll has arranged for a special day, which will be Friday the 10th, when several prominent white people will make addresses. Col. J. H. Wharton, of Waterloo, and Mr. J. D. W. Watts will speak. In addition to these two G. C. Williams, of Laurens and M. L. Williams, of Orangeburg, will speak. The subjects for discussion will be "The Farm Labor Problem," "The Advantages of the Share-cropper," "The Retner," "The Use of Fertilizer" and "The Care of Farm Animals."

Richard Carroll and other prominent colored men will also speak.

Arrangements have been made for a big farmer's barbecue, which is to be held Thursday, the 10th.

Rev. J. D. Pitts in the City.

Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Pitts have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Featherstone for several days. Sunday evening Mr. Pitts occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church, the house being filled to overflowing with friends from all the churches of the city who had come to hear him preach. He made an earnest plea for a more fervid religion than that which the latter day Christians practice. Mr. Pitts' sermon was given close attention by the large audience.

Admitted to Probate.

The last will and testament of Col. R. N. Cunningham, deceased, was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate Monday morning. He left the bulk of his property, including the historic old home at Rosemont, to his nephew, Charles H. Banks, of Savannah. Other minor bequests were made. W. R. Richey, Sr., is named as one of the executors.

Unlucky Number Played.

Rural Policeman Columbus Owens flushed a covey of thirteen trap shooters and card players near Mr. Will Martin's place several nights ago. The whole crew was captured and carried before his honor Judge Abercrombie, who touched eleven of them up for \$20 a head. This was quite a neat little haul.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Herald Company Holds Meeting and Elected Directors and Officers.

At a meeting Wednesday of the stockholders of The Herald Company, recently promoted to take over and publish the Laurensville Herald, which was recently bought from the estate of the late Col. T. B. Crews a constitution and bylaws were adopted and the following directors elected: N. B. Dial, S. M. Wilkes, H. K. Aiken, L. B. Blackwell and R. A. Cooper.

At a subsequent meeting of the board, Mr. N. B. Dial was chosen president and Mr. S. M. Wilkes secretary.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those Who Have Left the Family Hearthstones and Gone to Other States.

Mt. Olive, Aug. 7.—Revival services began at Mt. Olive church last Sunday with the Rev. J. A. Brock of Greenville, S. C. in charge.

Mrs. J. F. Knight who has been visiting her sick mother, who lives near Mauldin, S. C., returned home last Sunday.

Mr. Geo. W. Washington has bought a new buggy.

Mrs. John Wren of Greenville, is visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. Henry Cooper of Laurens is visiting her son, Mr. Luther Cooper.

We have had fine seasons throughout this section and crops are looking very well. Some of the farmers are not through work yet.

Harmony, August 5.—Mrs. Sarah Carlisle died last Wednesday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Mattison. The funeral and burial services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. B. P. Mitchell, at Poplar Springs church Thursday evening. She had been a consistent member of this church for many years.

Mrs. Carlisle's maiden name was Beauford, having been raised in Union County. Her husband, John Carlisle, was also of Union county, their marriage having occurred before the war. Some time after their marriage they sold their farm in Union and moved to Mississippi. When the war broke out he enlisted with the other brave Southerners and in one of the numerous battles lost his life. After the war was over, she, with her two girls and one boy, returned to South Carolina and to this county where they have lived ever since. One of her children, Mrs. Fannie Medlock, died two years ago. Her other children James Carlisle and Mrs. Mary Mattison, still survive her as do a number of grand children.

Mrs. Carlisle had been in failing health for a year or more. During her long life of 78 years she remained a consistent member of the Baptist church.

A very interesting meeting is now in progress at Poplar Springs, the services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. P. Mitchell.

The Children's Day exercises at Mt. Bethel were quite a success in every particular. The children acted their pieces well and the social features of the occasion were greatly enjoyed. A bountiful dinner was held on the grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hughes are off for a few days visiting relatives and friends at Mr. Hughes' old home in Pickens.

Princeton, Aug. 7.—Mr. G. E. Wolf born and reared, Miss Emma of Pickens are visiting friends here.

Miss Ellen McClary, who is staying in Atlanta, to be a trained nurse is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Taylor.

Miss Estelle Taylor, who has been visiting in Laurens, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gaines and daughter Marie, of Hohen Path spent Sunday with Jno. L. Bagwell.

Miss Mary Arnold has returned home after spending a few weeks with relatives in Pelzer.

Mr. M. P. Senn and mother, spent the week-end in Laurens.

Miss Mary Taylor of Laurens is visiting here.

Miss Sara Britt is visiting relatives in Abbeville.

Mr. Thos. Freeman, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Florence, who will spend a few weeks here.

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