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COMMENCEMENT DAYS ARE NEARLY HERE

Laurens Schools to Close May 20th.

HILARY A. HERBERT TO MAKE ADDRESS

After a Successful Session the City Schools will Close the Doors Monday Evening, May 20th. Address of Col. Herbert to be Monday Evening, May 13th.

After a nine months' successful session under the direction of Supt. B. L. Jones, the city schools will close Monday evening, May 20th. The annual address of the commencement season will be delivered somewhat earlier than usual and a few days before the closing of the school. The address will be made Monday evening May 13th by Col. Hilary A. Herbert, a native of this county and now a distinguished citizen of Washington, D. C. Col. Herbert was born in this county, but at an early age moved to Alabama where he rose to prominence. During Cleveland's administration of the presidency Col. Herbert was appointed Secretary of the Navy and was largely responsible for the increased efficiency and the steady growth and effectiveness of that arm of the service during those years. After Cleveland's administration Col. Herbert took up the practice of law in Washington, where he has been signally successful. In addition to his arduous labors in his profession, Col. Herbert has found time to devote himself to literary work and is the author of several books of an historical nature. The address of Col. Herbert will begin at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The annual sermon will be preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning, the 19th, by Dr. W. W. Daniel, president of Columbia Female college. Dr. Daniel is one of the most widely known ministers in the South Carolina conference and a large congregation is expected to be present to hear him.

Because of the fact that the annual graduating exercises are rather too lengthy to be carried out during one evening, Mr. Jones has decided to have a part of the exercises Monday morning, May 20th, and to have the real graduating exercises Monday evening. Beginning at 9:00 Monday morning, a part of the graduating class will read their essays, songs will be sung by the children, the honor rolls will be read and other minor details will be carried out. To these exercises the public is invited and expected to attend.

Monday evening the graduating class will continue their exercises. The diplomas will be delivered and the medals awarded. For this evening Mr. Jones has succeeded in securing Prof. J. G. Clinkscales, of Wofford college, to make the address. Prof. Clinkscales is a distinguished educator of the state and always is prepared to make a scholarly address. Having already a large number of friends here, it is expected that the auditorium will be filled with expectant hearers.

The following are the names of the graduates and their essays:
Eveline Austin: "Our Southern Women During the Civil War."
Grier Blakely: "The Hero of Vincennes".

Richard Dunlap: "The Private".
Lula Dial: "The Life of Jefferson Davis".
Mildred Gasque: "Henry Timrod".
Claude Garrett: "The Life of R. E. Lee".
Otis Huff: "The Facts that Make a Nation".

Edwin Moseley: "Should the United States Annex Mexico?"
Tom Owings: "The Power of Invention".

Roy Owings: "Child Labor in South Carolina".
Anna Prentiss: "Places of Revolutionary Fame in Upper South Carolina".

Julius Sitgreaves: "Electricity and its Effect on the Age".
Florine Simpson: "Raphael's Sistine Madonna".

Kathleen Wilkes: "Why We Fought in the Civil War".
John Wofford: "China Asleep and Awake".

Marie Langston: "Is or Is Not our State Government Extravagant?"
Julia Chidress: "South Carolina Resources".

SCHOOL SUPERVISOR FOR THIS COUNTY

Miss Willou Gray has been Employed by the County Board of Education to do Rural Supervising Work.

The county board of education has decided that Laurens county is to keep up with other counties in the state in the matter of school improvement work, especially in the rural districts. Because of the fact that the city schools are more able, financially, to take care of this kind of work with its own corps of teachers, the school supervisor employed by the county board will look after the interests of the rural schools only. Miss Willou Gray has been employed to undertake this work and she will begin her duties at the beginning of next session. During the coming summer she will go to Winthrop College, where she will take further studies in order to be better prepared to undertake the work. Miss Gray is a graduate of Columbia Female college, has done post graduate work at the University of Tennessee and holds an A. M. degree from New York University. She has taught successfully for several years in the schools of the county.

Through the efforts of the county superintendent of education, a liberal donation from the Peabody fund has been given the county toward the salary of Miss Gray.

Several of the counties of the state have been employing rural school supervisors for several years and the work that they have done has called forth the unqualified endorsement of leading educators. Hon. O. B. Martin, of the United States department of agriculture has taken a great deal of interest in the work and takes every opportunity to speak a good word for it. Through the efforts of Miss Marie Cromer, now Mrs. Cecil H. Seigler, who was employed in this kind of work, were formed the first girls tomato clubs in the county and through her efforts they have been extended all over the United States.

HIGH SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Over a Thousand Dollars Received from the County Auditor for the State Aid High Schools.

Treasurer Ross D. Young has received from the state treasurer and placed to the credit of the superintendent of education \$1,171.00, which is this county's portion of the state aid high school fund. This same amount was received a few weeks before Christmas, the total amount coming in two installments. It will thus be seen that each school below received this year twice as much as is credited to them this time. This money goes towards the general running expenses of the schools named. The following are the schools and the amounts accredited to each in the superintendent's office:

Cross Hill	\$220.00
Gray Court	195.00
Mountville	206.00
Princeton	150.00
Shiloh	100.00
Waterloo	150.00
Trinity Ridge	150.00

Total \$1,171.00
The high schools at Laurens and Clinton no longer participate in this fund, having been barred at the 1911 term of the legislature.

MRS. WILLIS HELLAMS.

Native of This County Dies at her Home in Spartanburg.

Mrs. Willis Hellams, sister-in-law of Mr. Capus Hellams of this city, died at her home in Spartanburg Friday, May 3rd. She was about 63 years of age and had been in declining health for some time. Before her marriage she was a Miss Mahala Yeargin, of this county, and was widely connected. The funeral services were held at Lanford Saturday, where a large assemblage of people gathered to pay a last tribute to her.

She is survived by one child, Mrs. Mark Patterson, and a number of other relatives. Her husband, Mr. Willis Hellams, died only a few months ago.

Negro Captured.

George Ruth, the negro who made an attack upon Mr. J. B. Timmerman at the freight depot some weeks ago and who escaped at the time, was located in Charlotte several days ago and brought to Laurens by Chief Bagwell. The negro is now in the county jail.

LAURENS COUNTY FOR BLEASE SOUTH CAROLINA FOR JONES

So Went the Conventions Held in South Carolina Monday--Counties That Have Heretofore Given Strong Blease Majorities at the Polls Went for Jones in the Conventions.

With 41 Democratic county conventions heard from out of a total of 44, it appeared at midnight Monday night that the supporters of Judge Ira B. Jones for governor would have easy control of the State convention, which will be held in Columbia May 15, according to the State. The Woodrow Wilson forces at midnight had a nucleus of 38 instructed votes, with endorsements in counties with a combined vote of 48 delegates.

The conventions, held all over South Carolina, were in the main quiet and harmonious, though in two places—Charleston and Georgetown—there were contests resulting in splits. In both cases two conventions were held, each electing county organization officers and full slates of delegates. The trouble in Charleston was caused by the contest for sheriff, in which J. Elmore Martin, the incumbent, seeks reelection. In Georgetown the split came after the anti-Blease candidate for chairman, Edward Griswold, had been declared elected by one vote over J. Walter Doan.

The results show about the following on the contest for control of the State convention: Jones delegates (men from counties which indorsed the judge for governor or men whose personal preference is known to be for Jones)—113; Blease (under convention indorsement or personal affiliation)—36; uncommitted or unknown 45; total convention vote 336.

Presidential Vote.
On presidential preference the vote, if vote it may be called, stands: Wilson (instructed and from counties indorsing Wilson), 96; Wilson (personal preference), 23. Total 119. Underwood (known to favor the Alabama congressman), 9. There was no other expression of preference for president. Five counties instructed for Wilson and five indorsed him.

On the gubernatorial side there is one contest affecting the standing, this being in Georgetown, where the regulars indorsed Judge Jones and the other convention took no action with regard to preference. The same is true of the presidential race, the Georgetown regulars instructing for Wilson and the other club not expressing its preference.

Number of counties are still uncommitted.

Judge Jones' home county, Lancaster, gave him an enthusiastic indorsement. Spartanburg, which was one of the fighting points of the campaign, went for Judge Jones almost bodily, electing a solid Jones ticket of delegates, indorsing Judge Jones and instructing its delegates for Woodrow Wilson.

Clarendon declared for the unit rule in the national convention.

In Dorchester Senator Tillman's candidacy for reelection to the senate was indorsed.

In Edgefield, Senator Tillman was elected a delegate, as was J. W. Thurmond, Judge Jones' campaign manager. Judge Jones' candidacy was indorsed by a vote of 68 to 4 and he is believed to be favored by all the county's delegates.

In Marlboro county D. W. McLaurin was indorsed for State treasurer. In Orangeburg the convention indorsed the custom of electing a delegate at large the governor, the State chairman and the two United States senators.

Laurens county's convention indorsed Gov. Blease's administration and declared against any restriction on the primary vote. It also instructed its delegates to support Gov. Blease for delegate at large to the national convention.

The Union convention opposed any restriction of the primary vote.

In Greenville the convention adopted a resolution looking to the reopening of entries in the primary race in case of death of one of the contestants.

In Dillon resolutions were adopted condemning corruption of the electorate and pledging candidates to stamp out the practice.

Saluda county indorsed Senator Tillman for reelection.

Officers Elected.

Convention President: R. A. Cooper. Convention Secretary: C. A. Power. County Chairman: John M. Cannon. Executive Committeeman: W. T. Crews.

Delegates to Convention: G. M. Moore, W. C. Irby, Jr., John M. Cannon, O. P. Goodwyn, Clarence Cunningham, Rev. J. K. McCain, T. W. Cannady, Geo. A. Browning.

Hon. R. A. Cooper requested that his name be not submitted for reelection to the office of county chairman.

The county democratic convention, held in the court house Monday, was at times a disorderly affair and difficult of control. On several different occasions Mr. Cooper, with difficulty, succeeded in securing order.

The convention was a Blease convention, in so far as results go. The Blease forces had succeeded in bringing full representation to the meeting and were in the majority. After this fact was demonstrated by an eye and no ballot upon the question of indorsement of Gov. Blease, no contests followed as it was evident that the majority were standing together. The contest of the meeting came when Judge O. G. Thompson attempted to have resolutions passed, one paragraph of which declared against the indorsement of any candidate. Another paragraph in Judge Thompson's resolutions was aimed against the movement to restrict the primary and still another favored the convention's indorsement of a presidential candidate.

Mr. John Cannon, leading the Blease forces, attempted to nullify the resolutions of Judge Thompson by offering a substitute amendment, one of whose paragraphs hilariously indorsed the governor. A heated colloquy followed, which was finally settled by a motion to lay Judge Thompson's resolutions upon the table. Calling for the eye and no vote, the tellers were unable to agree as to which side had a majority. This predicament was gotten out of when the motion to lay on the table was withdrawn and the original amendment of Mr. Cannon was put, paragraph by paragraph. The first paragraph in Mr. Cannon's resolution called for an unqualified indorsement of Blease's administration and a repudiation of the last legislature. This paragraph was put and resulted in a victory of the Blease forces by a vote of 95 to 73. This vote demonstrated the relative strength of the two factions and after this vote all the other paragraphs were carried by acclamation. The resolution as a whole being adopted, Judge Thompson's resolutions were killed.

In order that the people of Laurens county might read what their convention has passed and what the other part of the state is to judge the people of the county by, the resolutions are published, as follows:

J. M. Cannon's Resolutions.

Be it resolved, That this convention endorse the administration of Gov. Cole L. Blease and that we repudiate the unfair and dictatorial fight made on him by the last legislature.

Be it resolved, That this convention sense of this convention that every candidate for the legislature and senate declare themselves "for" or "against" Cole L. Blease, for governor, the peculiar political conditions make this step necessary in order that the people may know for whom they are voting, whether for a friend or an open enemy.

Resolved third, That this convention put itself on record as being unalterably opposed to any restrictions placed on the vote in the primary.

Resolved fourth, That this convention go on record as opposed to the elimination of the county to county campaign for state officers.

Be it resolved fifth, That whereas a fight is being waged to keep Gov. Cole L. Blease from being a delegate to National Democratic convention to be held at Baltimore, it is therefore, the sense of this convention that only such delegates as are willing to sup-

port him be allowed to represent the county.

Resolved sixth, That the people of Laurens county be urged to support the administration of Gov. Blease.

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MEMORIAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Parade of Children, Daughters, Traynham Guards, Sons of Veterans and Veterans to be Made from School House.

The annual Memorial Day exercises will be held Friday afternoon. An unusually attractive program has been arranged. The school children, the Daughters of the Confederacy, the Sons of Veterans, the Traynham Guards and the Veterans will take part in a parade which is to start from the school building at 5 o'clock. From here the parade will lead to the cemetery where after the usual custom, the graves of the dead soldiers will be decorated with flowers. A few simple exercises will also take place there.

The stores of the city have been requested to close at 5 o'clock so that all the employees might have the opportunity of attending the exercises and manifest an interest in the occasion.

Crosses of honor will be bestowed upon the following: J. S. Bozdel, S. Coker, A. J. Smith, P. Cannon, J. Y. Culbertson, W. H. Fowler, J. B. Jones, W. B. Parsons, G. M. Langston, J. W. Moore, J. B. Peden, R. Y. J. Ellege, G. A. Miller, A. Y. Motes, Joseph W. Moore, E. Pinckney Jones, William N. Wharton.

PICNIC AT RABUN.

Delightful Day Marked the Closing of the Eden and Rabun Schools.

The picnic at Rabun last Friday marked the close of a successful year's work of the Eden and Rabun schools. About ten-thirty o'clock the exercises were opened with several beautiful songs, after which Mr. W. A. Baldwin offered the opening prayer. After a few appropriate and interesting words of welcome by Mr. H. H. Mahon, Rev. David M. Ramsey, president of G. F. C. college, Greenville, delivered a splendid address—"Be True to Thyself"; in which he gave the young school boys and girls some good advice. Then last but not least came the good talk of Rev. H. L. Baggett, the beloved pastor of Rabun church, in the form of an appreciation. The speakers were presented with large, beautiful bunches of white and yellow carnations by the schools as a token of honor.

Then about one o'clock the crowd gathered beneath the large oak trees where the good ladies had a long table weighted down with good things to eat—it was something beautiful to behold. Now the afternoon was turned over to the young people and cupid only, can relate the events which happened in the shady grove.

Equitable Insurance Building Fire.

Mr. Lavender has put across a good one this time, sure enough. He has procured for Thursday afternoon and night a complete film of a great Equitable fire in New York City when that great pile of magnificent wood, stone and masonry was completely wrecked. The burning building and the activities of the fire fighters of the metropolis are clearly shown in wonderfully realistic pictures. Mr. Lavender thinks that will be the greatest picture that he has yet shown and he is expecting to see a packed house. The usual prices that have made the picture show such a success here will prevail: five and ten cents for all parts of the house.

Combined School Picnic.

The two schools of Oak Grove and Copeland are planning to have a picnic to celebrate the closing of both schools. The picnic will be held at Davis Spring, a few miles east of Laurens, and a large crowd is expected to attend. Neither school will have any exercises, but several prominent speakers will be present to make addresses. A musical program has been arranged and this will prove an attractive feature of the day. The public is cordially invited to be present and to come with well filled baskets.

Woman's Missionary Institute.

The Woman's Missionary Institute, for Laurens county, of the Presbyterian church, will be held at the First Presbyterian church, at Laurens, May 16th. The exercises will commence at 10:30 a. m. The ladies of the two missionary societies of the church here will entertain the delegates. An attractive program has been arranged and a full attendance is anticipated.

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 Hearthstone and gone to Other States.

Tylersville, May 6.—Rev. J. C. Davis filled his regular appointment at Sunday Springs Sunday afternoon. Quite a crowd was present and we were glad to see so many visitors.

Mr. T. P. Poole spent Sunday with Messrs. J. S. Craig and W. C. Winters. Misses Ella and Lillie Peterson are at home to spend the summer vacation.

Mrs. Lula Cooper and daughter, Little Edith, have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Furman Poole was in Cross Anchor Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of people from here were in Laurens Saturday. Misses Ella and Mattie Belle Peterson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Donnan and family.

Mr. Martin Poole was in Laurens Monday.

Pine Grove, May 10.—Most all the farmers have about finished planting in this neighborhood.

Mr. W. L. Ried lost one of his fine mules last week.

Mrs. Fred Franks is getting along nicely now but her niece Miss Mamie Fowler is still with her.

Miss Lila Bramlett is still at Laurens with her grandmother who is still very low.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Traynham and little son, Ray, spent last Sunday with Mr. John Henry Powers.

Mr. Austin Bramlett and daughter, Mae, spent last Saturday in Laurens with his mother Mrs. Sarah Bramlett.

Barksdale, May 6.—The fourth Sunday in April seemed to be a very appropriate day for marriages. Several took place around here. Among them were Miss Eula Baldwin and Mr. Willie Chestnut of Gray Court.

Misses Idez and Louella Baldwin went to Laurens last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Armstrong, of Gray Court, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Henderson last Sunday.

We were sorry to learn that Messrs. W. H. Barksdale and W. B. Putnam are sick.

Mr. Mosley Burton and Mr. Elmer Baldwin paid Mr. George Babb a short visit last Sunday morning.

Lanford Station, April 28.—On Monday evening Miss Nell Welborn delightfully entertained her friends. The parlor was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers.

Refreshments were gracefully served by the hostess. The guests were: Misses Marie and Ruth Patterson, Ora Dell Hunter, Florrie Lanford and Robin Patterson; Messrs. B. D. Alexander, Ben Hunter, William Byrd Geo. and Samuel Blakeley, Boyd and Clyde Doshields and Charlton Patterson. Games were indulged in until an appropriate hour when the very happy occasion was ended by reluctant and lingering departures.

Jones, May 6.—Mr. Samuel Avery, of Laurens was in this section recently operating an improved gin sharpener.

Mr. W. H. Hill and son, Jimmie Lee, recently visited Greenwood.

Mr. G. L. Graham has a fine garden. Mr. Willie Williams passed away on the 25th of April and all of our people tenderly sympathize with the bereaved family.

Messrs. Samuel and Charlie Williams, of Laurens, were recently in our midst.

Born on 25th of April to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Garrett, a son.

Born on 3rd of May, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Russell, a daughter.

Mr. Drayton Boggs has a position with Mr. J. H. Henty.

Mr. T. J. Beacham has returned from the Chester hospital.

Miss Jimmie McNinch has finished her school and is at home for the summer.

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