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## VOTED SEVEN TIMES AGAINST HAMPTON

### Record of Governor Blease On Negro Question

## SENTIMENT DIVIDED AT GREENWOOD

Blease Leaders Claimed a Majority of Crowd at Campaign Meeting while Administration Opponents Claimed that Meeting was Anti-Blease.

Greenwood, July 11.—That Governor Blease voted once for and seven times against General Wade Hampton when the great Confederate was in the race for the United States Senate before the legislature of South Carolina, was the new charge injected into the campaign here today by Mayor L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, in a strenuous and bitter attack on the record of the chief executive.

Pollock Sarcastic. W. P. Pollock, of Cheraw, again was unreserved in his various characterizations of the governor, and his attack on the chief executive's record was one of the hottest of the campaign. At times he was interrupted by members of the audience, but at all times he silenced their questions and cries by blistering sarcasm and appropriate repartee. The speeches of both the post candidates, the main portion of which were devoted to Governor Blease, were among the best they have delivered during the campaign. Many thought that of Mr. Jennings was his greatest effort.

Senator Smith delivered a speech on the cotton problem, and defended the record he has made in the United States Senate. Governor Blease was bitter today than he has been for some time, the larger part of his speech being devoted to an attack on Senator Smith.

The crowd today was perhaps the largest of any of the meetings of the campaign. It is estimated that there were between 2,500 and 3,000 persons present. The assemblage was noisy at times, but extremely good-natured. There was no attempt at rowdiness, but if there had been it would immediately have been quelled, for County Chairman Blake had sworn in 50 special deputies and they were distributed throughout the crowd. The cotton mills of Greenwood were closed down, and a large number of mill operatives were there. Those who circulated through the crowd say that the sentiment was about 50 per centum for Governor Blease and the other half for his opponents. The Blease element claimed the crowd, while the other side say that it was theirs by 65 per centum.

The meeting was called to order today in a grove in the rear of the county court house by R. P. Blake, county chairman, after prayer by Rev. James D. Kinard. Mr. Blake praised the high type of citizenship of the people of Greenwood county, and he suggested that it would be an insult to the intelligence of the audience to request the to give the speakers a respectful hearing.

Senator Smith had received a telegram from Laurens county, where a district had been stricken by a hail storm and the crops are ruined. He was requested to go to Laurens and view them. He was the second speaker and Mr. Pollock was to lead off. The two speakers agreed to exchange places. After Senator Smith had gotten well into his speech Governor Blease came on the stand and objected to the arrangement, saying that it was a "trick." He demanded to follow the senator and the other candidates agreed to the new arrangement.

The business of Scopas, Hondros & Company has been purchased by Charlie and Jimmy Hondros and hereafter will be run under the firm name of Hondros Bros. They will continue to handle candles and fruits and do a wholesale business in bananas. Jimmy Hondros, the new member in the firm, has just returned from Greece where he has been fighting in the Greek army. He has had a very short but exciting career as a soldier, having been wounded several times, once or twice seriously.

## MURDERESS LYNCHED AFTER FOUL DEED

### Negro Woman Lynched for Killing Girl

## ELLOREE SCENE OF DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Negro Woman Murders Twelve Year Old Girl out of Revenge for Fancied Grievance. Admits Guilt and Mob Strings her to Tree.

Elloree, July 12.—One of the most brutal crimes ever perpetrated in Orangeburg county, committed midway between here and Vance late yesterday afternoon in a dense bay near the Two Chop public road, was brought to light this morning when the body of little Miss Essie Bell, 12 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bell, was discovered after an all night search, foully murdered and carefully covered by the confessed murderess, Rosa Richardson, a negro woman, about 35 years of age. A grim and horrifying spectacle it witnessed today in that community. The body of little Essie with her head beaten into a pulp by a lightwood knot lies prepared for burial in the quiet home of Daniel Bell, while 200 yards away near the scene of the crime swinging to a tree the body of her murderess, Rosa Richardson, riddled with bullets.

Guilt was established, the murderess confessed and a volley fired. In a short time, thirty negroes who gathered near the scene of the crime would have fired the volley if permitted, and went to console the grief-stricken family. While the crime has cast a pall all over the community and hundreds of people have gone to the scene, there was no race feeling whatever evident.

The murdered girl yesterday afternoon went to graze the family cow in a field on the public road a short distance from the home, which was hidden from view by a dense field of corn. Just in front of this field on the opposite side of the road is the home of Rosa Richardson, the negro murderess. Daniel Bell was reading his newspaper and the mother, Mrs. Bell, was leaving with one of her sons to board the afternoon train at Vance for Charleston. Mr. Bell was absorbed in reading and presumed that little Essie had gone to the station with her mother and would return with her brother. When the young man returned home with his sister, Mr. Bell inquired for Essie and the young man told his father that she had gone to graze the cow when he saw her last. Mr. Bell immediately gave the alarm and searching parties were formed. The whole community was scourged.

Rosa Richardson was suspected of luring the girl in the woods for criminal purposes and she with her sister were held during the night by some of the searching party. She told several disconnected stories which indicated her guilt.

A message reached Elloree during the night that the girl was missing and the penitentiary bloodhounds were wired for but it was later learned that they were out of the city. The suspects were rushed to the Elloree guard house. The local telephone being out of commission, connection was established at St Matthews. Sheriff Salley was notified at Columbia and was asked to have hounds make a cross country trip, but before either reached here the body was discovered and a dash was made for the town guard house. Rural Police, the magistrate, the intend and several citizens of Elloree who did all they could to protect the prisoner were choked and thrown to the ground by the crowd and held at bay by sixshooters.

The victim was placed in a waiting automobile and rushed to the scene of the crime. The woman was examined. Blood was on her clothing and other evidences of guilt was established. She confessed to the crime without giving any reason for having committed it. The posse had tracked the little girl and the woman into the bay, both tracks fitting the shoes, and the woman was tracked to her home returning after committing the deed.

There is no reason assigned for the deed except that the woman was a

## STOCK SHOW ASSURED FOR CROSS HILL

Citizens Hold Meeting Thursday and Make Definite Plans. To be Held in September.

Cross Hill, July 9th.—A meeting of citizens was held this morning in the interest of the proposed fair and stock show for Cross Hill township. Mr. T. M. Pinson was called to the chair and Mr. S. D. Austin acted as secretary. A committee's report with recommendation on time and place was placed before the meeting which was adopted. The time suggested is the last Tuesday in September, on the school house grounds, the place, W. T. Austin was elected president and E. B. Rasor secretary and treasurer. Committees were appointed for the different departments and the work of getting up the fair will begin in earnest. In the farm and garden department we want to see all kinds of grain, hay, cotton and vegetables; also all home-made labor saving devices from a wheelbarrow to a wash-board. In the exhibit of horses and mules we want to see home-raised stock from a saddle horse to a mule colt. A good ring will be provided and riding and driving will be a specialty. Some of this will be open to the county.

We expect to have a fine poultry exhibit. Quite a number of our people raise fine birds and this exhibit will be fine. We expect to have out some of the best milk cows to be seen anywhere. Our ladies will have their exhibit of fancy work etc., in the school building. All the schools in the township will have an exhibit which will be interesting. We will expect all persons appointed on committees to get up their exhibit, have it in place by noon of the day appointed, have it, judged and ribbons on by 1 o'clock. The most of the afternoon will be exhibits of stock in the ring. We are going to call on our neighbors of Waterloo and Mountville to come and act as judges. We expect to offer some good prizes. We ask every one to cooperate with us and help to make it a success.

W. T. Austin.

### In Baltimore For Operation.

Mr. Mitchell Owings, a well-known citizen of this county, left Sunday for Baltimore where he went to have an operation performed. He was accompanied by his brother, Mr. Mansell Owings.

### Capt. Burns a Visitor.

Capt. L. E. Burns of "Red Iron Racket Fame" was a visitor here last week with his brother, J. C. Burns. Capt. Burns thinks Greenwood a good town and he said that he could notice improvement every time he came.—Greenwood Index.

### New Enterprise.

The Merchants Specialty Company is the name of the new Laurens firm which has applied to the secretary for a commission. The incorporators are Messrs. W. G. Lancaster, T. F. Ray, L. G. Balle and W. H. Holder. They expect to manufacture and sell a lamp patented by Mr. T. F. Ray.

had character and had refused to work for Mr. Bell on whose place she lived. On several occasions, it is alleged that she grew dissatisfied and sullen and the theory is advanced that she lured the little girl in the woods on the pretext of showing her something and murdered her to get revenge. A negro man was at first thought to be the guilty party but it was later shown that no one else had any connection with the crime and that Rosa Richardson had plotted and executed the deed alone.

Sheriff Salley of Orangeburg, who was notified of the crime too late, reached here this afternoon and viewed the remains. The body of Rosa Richardson was cut down and buried, while the victim of the tragedy was laid to rest at Gerizim Baptist Church in the presence of a large crowd of grief stricken friends and relatives.

The community where this crime was committed is composed of steady, law abiding citizens, who have always held themselves against mob violence.

The crime is the second one committed in that community within the past seven or eight months. Mrs. Sue C. Cannon, who lived in the Millican section, several miles away, came near losing her life some months ago at the hands of a negro woman, who has not yet been apprehended.

## IRBY IS PLEASED WITH PROSPECTS

Feels Confident of Getting in Second Race. Standing the Campaign Well.

Hon. W. C. Irby, Jr., candidate for governor, spent the week-end in the city after attending the campaign meeting at Edgefield Saturday. Mr. Irby appeared in the best of health when seen Monday and stated that the severest strain of the campaign had in no way impaired his strength.

Mr. Irby was very optimistic as to his success in the race. He said he felt that he had already gone over the most difficult part of the state and that as he approached the Piedmont he would have easier sailing. As to the progress he has already made, Mr. Irby states that he has received encouragement wherever he has gone and that many friends have been won over to his side. "I am confident" he said, "that I will be in the second race."

Mr. Irby has accepted an invitation to speak at the annual W. O. W. picnic at Woodville, in the upper part of this county, on the 31st of the month.

### MAKES LONG AUTO TRIP.

Mr. William Solomon, the Jeweler, Touches Twelve Counties in Journey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Solomon and family spent the Fourth of July and the two days following in a long automobile trip through the counties in the lower part of the state. In their trip they passed through Newberry, Richland, Kershaw, Lee, Cheraw, Dillon, Marion, Darlington, Florence and Chesterfield counties. Mr. Solomon states that the roads were good nearly everywhere but the Laurens roads had 'em all beat a mile. In practically every town in which he stopped he found a native of this county located and he says that they all looked prosperous. The trip was taken in a Ford touring car and was without any accidents to the car.

### LUDY W. CURRY DEAD.

Prominent Citizen of Dials Township Dies after Few Weeks Illness.

Mr. Ludy W. Curry, a well known citizen of Dials township, died at his home Monday morning after an illness of several weeks duration and was buried Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. T. W. Munneryn conducting the services. Mr. Curry contracted fever several weeks ago, but his condition had not been considered dangerous until just a few days before his death.

Mr. Curry was thirty-four years of age and unmarried. He and his sister, Miss Olivia Curry, lived at the old Curry home place. He is survived by four sisters, as follows: Mrs. S. L. Owings, Mrs. Will Ropp, Mrs. Will Satterfield, Mrs. Ella Robertson, and Miss Olivia Curry, all of the Owings community.

Mr. Curry was a very substantial citizen, upright and honorable in all of his dealings and greatly admired for his many good qualities. He had been a member of the Methodist church since boyhood. By his death, his community suffers a great loss.

### BALL GAME AT WATTS.

Buffalo Mill Team Will Tackle Locals Next Saturday At Watts Mill Park.

For the second time this season the Watts Mill ball team will play the Buffalo Mill Team. The game will be played next Saturday at the Watts Mill Park and will be called at 4 o'clock. As will be remembered the first game several weeks ago between these two teams was one of the fastest seen on the local diamond, the final score being 2 to 1 in favor of Watts. Both teams have been strengthened since the first clash and so the game this Saturday promises to be even more interesting. The admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

### \$125.00 Per Acre.

J. N. Leake, the bustling Gray Court land man, was in the city several days ago and told of a choice piece of property which he had just sold for a customer of his. The tract of land consisted of 40 1-2 acres and was a part of the R. E. Moore place near Owings and belonged to Mr. R. E. Moore. The property had a house on it and was other wise improved. He sold it to Mr. S. C. Hill for \$125 per acre.

## SMITH TO RIDE ON BALE OF COTTON OVER FIFTY TWO YEARS OF AGE

### Ovation Planned for "Cotton" Smith When Campaign Party Speaks in Laurens Next Wednesday

If plans now on foot mature, and there is no doubt but that they will, Senator Smith will receive at Laurens one of the most unique as well as enthusiastic receptions yet held since the senatorial party started out several weeks ago. The friends and supporters of Senator Smith are able to put their plans into effect because there is in Laurens probably the oldest bale of cotton in existence. This bale of cotton, fifty-two years old, will in all probability be placed in a large farm wagon decorated especially for the occasion and driven to the speaking ground with Sen. Smith riding on top of it. The friends and admirers of the farmer-senator from all over the county are expected to be here in full force and join in the parade to the speaking place.

This very old bale of cotton was ginned in the year 1862, near Cross Hill, by a Mr. Henry Thompson. It was willed by him to his wife, who in turn willed it to her grandson, Robert Hall Fleming, son of Mr. Sam

Fleming, of Ora, who is the present owner. It was originally packed and bound with ropes, but the roping gave way to steel tires about eleven years ago when it was placed in the Laurens Bonded Warehouse, where it now is. The bale of cotton is now, so far as the average person can tell, as perfect in grade as it was when originally ginned. During the eleven years that it remained in the warehouse it has lost eleven pounds in weight, but the appearance does not seem to be changed.

The object of the demonstration is two-fold: 1st as an expression of appreciation for the work Sen. Smith has done for the farmers during his lifetime; and 2nd, to demonstrate to the world that cotton is for all practical purposes a non-perishable product.

The white cotton blossom has been adopted as the campaign badge of the Smith voters and it is expected that those who endorse the work of Senator Smith will wear one on campaign day.

## TO AID HAIL STRICKEN DISTRICT

### Governor Blease Asks For Contributions and Senator Smith to Ask For Federal Aid

Further reports from the hail stricken districts of the county confirm earlier reports of great damage done to the growing crops. Later advices show that the damage wrought was more in the lower portion of the county and between Clinton and Goldville, than in the upper area near Barksdale station. Sen. E. D. Smith, at the suggestion of Clinton citizens, visited the Goldville area Saturday afternoon. After viewing the great havoc wrought he is said to have stated that more damage was done than in any hail

storm he had ever known of. Before leaving he said that he would take the matter up at Washington and try to secure aid from the Federal government for the hail-stricken victims.

According to a dispatch from Columbia in yesterday's daily papers, Gov. Blease has issued a proclamation asking for aid for both the York county hail sufferers and the Laurens county hail sufferers. In this county Mayor C. M. Babb, of this city, Mayor Copeland, of Clinton, and Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, have been asked to receive subscriptions.

## VOTING BY PROXY OPPOSED BY DIAL

### Executive Committeeman from this County Says makes Administration of Duties Expensive and Cumbersome.

N. B. Dial, executive committeeman from this county, attended the meeting of the state executive committee in Columbia last week, where he created quite a little stir in offering a resolution to do away with voting by proxy in the committee meetings. In speaking of his resolution to an Advertiser man, Mr. Dial gave his reasons why he advocated this movement. In the first place, he said, a vote by proxy in the committee is unconstitutional on the principle that delegated authority cannot be still further delegated. And then again, he said, he thought it best to do away with proxies in the committee on the grounds of economy. The committee is already too large and unwieldy for the character of business which it has to transact and when uninformed proxies are sent to the meeting much time and labor is lost in explaining matters to them. Their railroad fare and hotel bill is quite an item and out of proportion to the services they render. Very often he said a committeeman who had sought and been elected to the place for the honor of it sent different proxies to every meeting and caused much delay. In addition to the saving in actual money, Mr. Dial thinks that the committee could do its work more efficiently if it were not hampered by uninformed proxies.

The resolution, Mr. Dial said, was very favorably received in many quarters but some of the committeemen asked that it be called up at the next meeting, so the matter was not pressed. It will come up at the next meeting and will be vigorously pushed.

### ENROLLMENT 465.

The number of names enrolled on the club roll of Laurens City Democratic Club No. 1 is now 465. The names were counted at noon yesterday.

### LAURENS MILL WINS.

#### Defeated Lydia Last Saturday By The Score of Seven to Two.

In the most exciting and best played game of the season, the Laurens Mill team defeated the Lydia Mill nine here last Saturday by a score of 7 to 2. The local mill team had on their hitting garments and proceeded to put the ball in all parts of the lot. On the other hand the visiting team were unable to handle very successfully the great pitching of Hill. The same teams will play again this Saturday at Clinton.

### Cutting At Watts Mills.

In a dispute which is said to have arisen over docking of wages on piece work at the Watts Mills yesterday, Charlie Penland cut and severely wounded Bob Woodside, a boss in the cloth room, necessitating much effort on the part of physicians to save his life. The cloth room boss was cut several times about the neck and head, and several times about the back, shoulders and chest. He was given immediate medical attention and at last reports was in no danger. Penland was arrested shortly after the affair took place and is now in the county jail.

### Picnic At Wham's Lawn.

There will be a picnic given by the W. O. W. of Magnolia Camp No. 156 at "Wham's Lawn" on Friday July 31st. The committee is arranging to have several prominent speakers to address the audience.

The public is cordially invited to attend and requested to bring well filled baskets.

### Moved Into New Homes.

Mr. John Wright (who made the word "magistrate" famous) and Mr. E. S. Hudgens have recently bought new homes on West Main street and are now occupying them. The two residences are both of modern architecture, of very attractive style and fitted with every new convenience.