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## JOHN D. W. WATTS NAMED SHERIFF

### Governor Manning Announced his Decision Yesterday After Holding the Matter up for Some Time

Yesterday afternoon The Advertiser was advised over the long distance telephone from Columbia that Governor Manning had announced about noon that he would appoint John D. W. Watts as sheriff of the county to fill out the unexpired term of the late John D. Owings. It is expected that the commission will be issued immediately and that Mr. Watts will take possession of the office within a few days.

The appointment of Mr. Watts follows several weeks of suspense, during which there was much interest manifested in the claims of several applicants. It early became apparent that the governor was wavering between Mr. Watts and Mr. C. B. Owings, brother of the late sheriff, the argument being advanced that Mr. Owings was the logical man to wind up the affairs of his brother which necessarily had been left in more or less of an unfinished state. It is understood that

the governor suggested a compromise in the matter by which Mr. Watts would be appointed sheriff and Mr. Owings should accept the place of deputy sheriff, but Mr. Owings did not acquiesce in the plan.

Mr. Watts is one of the best known men in the county having been identified with many of the progressive movements tending to improve farm life. He has been an extensive exhibitor at the state and county fairs, where he has always won many premiums. He is well fitted for the office and will doubtless fulfill its duties acceptably.

So far as can be learned, the governor decided the matter after consultation with several supporters of the different applicants for the place and the county delegation did not interest themselves in the appointment at all, nor were they consulted about it. If there has been any activity on the part of the delegation, The Advertiser has not been able to get wind of it.

### REV. M. L. LAWSON RESIGNS.

#### Pastor of First Baptist Church Severs his Relation with the Church on March 12th.

At a congregational meeting at the First Baptist church Sunday morning, immediately following the regular morning service, the board of deacons laid before the congregation the resignation of Rev. M. L. Lawson, its pastor, which had been in the hands of the board for several weeks. Mr. Lawson had requested that the resignation be acted upon without discussion of any kind and the request was assented to. Upon the recommendation of the board, the resignation was accepted to take effect March 12th. No reason was given by Mr. Lawson for his resignation. As his pastorate was apparently giving eminent satisfaction, his resignation came as a great surprise to his congregation, and to the people of the city. He gave no indications as to his future plans, though it is understood that several very desirable places are open to him.

Mr. Lawson has been the pastor of the First Baptist church since April 12, 1915, during which time the church has grown steadily in number and influence. Possessed of peculiar qualities of leadership and spirituality, combined with a practical and broad-minded personality Mr. Lawson has been very successful in building up the church here, besides winning and holding the friendship and esteem of members of all denominations. When the fact of his resignation was made known there was a general expression of regret, not only among his own membership but by all of those with whom he had come in contact since moving to the city.

### NOT HEARING MUCH.

#### Congressional Gossip in the Fourth District on the Soft Pedal.

According to newspaper reports sent out from Columbia, where politics and legislation vie with each other in holding the interest of visitors and legislators, the congressional race in this district is not attracting as much interest as the races in other districts. Included in an article sent out from the capital last week dealing with the different congressional races, was the following in regard to the race in this district:

Congressman S. J. Nicholls, of the fourth, who is serving out the unexpired term of Hon. J. T. Johnson, who was appointed judge of the western federal district, has two announced candidates against him already. A. H. Miller, of Greer, and Alvin H. Dean, of Greenville. Whether B. A. Morgan, of Greenville, who ran the second race with Mr. Nicholls before, will again enter is not known. However, this race has not been heard much of from the visitors here from that district.

### Mrs. R. F. Fleming's Father Dead.

News was received in the city Saturday of the death of Mr. W. McD. Brown at his home in Lancaster. Mr. Brown was the father of Mrs. R. F. Fleming, of this city. Mr. Fleming was visiting him at the time of his death, which was very unexpected, and Mrs. Fleming was in Greenwood. Mr. Brown had visited here on several occasions and had made many friends and acquaintances. His death was due to a gripe.

## BETHEA IN PURPLE WIELDS THE GAVEL

### Lieutenant Governor at His Post in Senate After Peace Mission to Europe.

Columbia, Jan. 24.—Lieutenant Governor Andrew J. Bethea presided over the Senate tonight for the first time this session. He returned yesterday from his trip to Europe with the Ford peace party. On taking the gavel tonight the Lieutenant Governor expressed his pleasure at again being with the Senate and regretted that he had been unable to arrive in time for the opening of the legislature, but said he had been unavoidably detained by sickness at Stockholm and had been further delayed by storms at sea.

The Lieutenant Governor said that he had visited the House of Commons and the House of Lords in London and had seen the legislative bodies of several foreign countries, but that none of them was working so much for the great masses of the people as the South Carolina General Assembly. In part the Lieutenant Governor said:

"It may please you also to know that of all the law-making bodies it was my privilege to visit, including the English House of Lords and House of Commons, none impressed me as more earnestly desirous to protect and preserve the rights of the individual citizen than the General Assembly of South Carolina.

"Inspired by this thought and the need and opportunity in the world today for constructive forces in the midst of national upheavals and decay, I call upon you, my countrymen, to continue to render faithful service to the State, to keep in mind the high ideals and traditions set before us and to remember the issues enjoined upon you by the people at the ballot-box. I challenge you to a reconsecration of human wisdom and power to the end that South Carolina may preserve and perpetuate her free institutions and reap a rich harvest of blessings under a government of the people, for the people and by the people."

In another place in his address the Lieutenant Governor said:

"Having recently seen something of the national life of many countries, and having studied their governments, it is my firm conviction that the Prussian belief that the citizen is made for the State should not prevail, but that it is the first duty and function of government to serve the best interests of all its citizenship."

A resolution introduced by Senator Verner, which welcomed the return of the Lieutenant Governor, and invited him to address the Senate on his trip abroad, was unanimously adopted.—News and Courier.

### NO FURTHER CAPTURES.

#### Three Negroes who Escaped from Jail and Two from Chain Gang Still at Large.

Three of the four negroes who escaped from the county jail last Tuesday and the two who escaped from the county chain gang are still at large. Although diligent efforts were made to capture them, the efforts were unsuccessful. Officers in other cities have been notified of their escape and in case of capture they will be returned to this county.

Mr. Jack Glenn, who was severely injured about the head by the negroes escaping from the jail, is improving rapidly. Although the wounds are still somewhat painful he is rapidly recovering.

### Judge Johnson Confirmed.

The Senate of the United States confirmed Monday the nomination of J. T. Johnson as judge of the Western District of South Carolina. This puts an end to the speculation as to the judgeship in this district.

### Bishop Kilgo Coming.

Rev. J. R. T. Major, pastor of the First Methodist church, announced from the pulpit Sunday morning that revival services would be held in that church during the early part of March. Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Charlotte, C., will lead in the services.

### Play at Hickory Tavern.

The delightful little drama "Valley Farm," which was to have been given at Hickory Tavern school last Friday night by the Shiloh dramatic club, was postponed and will be given Friday night, the 28th. The admission charges will be 25 and 10 cents. The curtain rises at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## BENEFICIARIES MAY PAY BACK TUITION

### Verner Resolution Would Require Attorney General to Investigate Status of Beneficiaries.

Columbia, Jan. 24.—A concurrent resolution was introduced in the senate tonight by Senator Verner, of Oconee county, to require the attorney general to investigate the financial status of all beneficiaries of free tuition privileges at state institutions within the last ten years. Prosecution for recovery of amount received is to be pressed by the attorney general when, in his judgment, the beneficiary was able to pay. Mr. Verner is the author also of the bill to abolish all state scholarships and free tuition features at state institutions, which bill was debated briefly tonight. Debate is to be resumed tomorrow.

The bill provides that students must pay tuition at the rate of \$40 a year, for which provision there is an amendment by Senator Carlisle to allow the student to give notes payable two years after leaving the school. The problem of remedying the abuses of free tuition is one of the principal questions before the legislature and it is thought that before the session is adjourned a law will be enacted, changing existing conditions of affairs.

The house tonight went into a committee of the whole in order to hear a full discussion of the plans of remodeling the rostrum. The courtesy of the floor was extended to C. C. Wilson of Columbia, architect who explained the proposed changes. Bids have been tentatively received for the construction of a new house desk.

A bill to repeal the South Carolina tax commission act was introduced in the house tonight.

The house tonight gave second reading to a bill to establish a new judicial district with the counties of Hampton, Colleton, Jasper and Beaufort.

The two-cent mileage bill was passed to third reading in the house tonight and ordered sent to the senate.

### Meeting of Cottonwood Camp.

There will be an important meeting of Cottonwood Camp No. 725 W. O. W. tomorrow night (Thursday). On account of the unusually large number to be initiated at this time, the meeting will be held in the Laurens Camp, which is located in the Simmons Building on the square. Thirty-one new members will be taken in. Visitors from other camps are cordially invited to be present at this meeting.

### Mountville Man Moves.

H. M. Bryson Wholesale Grocery company have come to Newberry and will open business in the McCaughrin block next door to J. T. Mayes & Co. They will sell groceries in original packages only and only for cash. Mr. H. M. Bryson has moved to Newberry and will for the present occupy rooms at the residence of Mrs. O. L. Schumbert. Mr. Bryson is from Mountville, in Laurens county.—Newberry Herald and News.

### Won Large Automobile.

Miss Annie Belle Childress was a successful contestant in the Columbia Record automobile contest, which ended last week. Miss Childress did very valuable work for the paper and was awarded an Overland touring car.

### Laurens Township Registrar.

Dr. L. E. Bishop, of the Eureka Drug Company, Watts Mills, has been appointed by Dr. Hayne as registrar of vital statistics for Laurens township, to succeed Dr. Pink Martin, of Madden. Dr. Bishop will have reported to him the record of all births and deaths in the township.

### Mrs. Emma Calhoun Dead.

Mrs. Emma Calhoun, widow of the late Robert Calhoun and aunt of Mrs. P. P. McGowan, of this city, died at her home in Ninety Six Thursday and was buried at Bethlehem church, near Coronaca, Saturday morning. Mrs. Calhoun was about 65 years of age and before her marriage was a Miss Turner.

### Undergoes Operation.

Mr. Carl E. Martin, one of the obliging clerks with Fowler & Owens, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hospital Saturday, the operation being performed by Dr. J. H. Teague. He was resting well yesterday and the indications are bright for his rapid recovery.

## MR. FRANZ ENGELS BURIED IN GREENWOOD

### Well Known Citizen of Enoree Passed Away Saturday and Buried at Greenwood Monday.

The funeral of Mr. Franz Engels, who died unexpectedly at Enoree Saturday night, was held at Greenwood Monday morning, the services being conducted by Father Gwinn, of the Catholic church at Spartanburg. The following acted as pall bearers:

Active—Messrs. L. L. Ligon, Geo. Blakely, W. C. Moore, Russell Betsell, W. C. Whitman, J. C. Crompton, E. C. Todd and Hamlin Beatty, all of Enoree.

Honorary—Messrs. N. N. Hanna and L. Huff, of Enoree, and the following from Greenwood: Messrs. A. Jerome Bell, F. B. Cobb, S. C. Hodges, A. J. Sproles, G. A. Barksdale, H. V. R. Schrader, J. F. Davis, S. P. Wright, J. K. Durst, A. Rosenberg, R. J. Cartledge, J. C. Nickles and R. P. Blake.

For 30 years Mr. Engels was secretary of the Enoree Mills and was one of the best known mill men in the Piedmont. He was 58 years of age and a native of Colon, Germany, having come to this country when he was about 20. Shortly after becoming a citizen of America he settled in Spartanburg county and was elected secretary of the Enoree Mills when it was first organized. Under the reorganization of the company a short time ago, when the property was sold he was elected assistant treasurer.

Mr. Engels married Miss Hattie Clary of Greenwood, a sister of Mr. J. E. Clary, of this city. Besides his wife and her sisters and brothers, he is survived by two daughters, Miss Jennie Engels, teacher of voice at Chicora College, in Columbia, and Miss Hattie Engels, of Enoree.

Mr. Engels had many friends in Laurens, who were deeply grieved by his death.

## FAVORS FREEDOM FOR PHILIPPINES

### Wilson May Support Clarke Amendment. Four Years as Limit.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Granting of independence to the Philippines is not less than two years and not more than four years may be favored by the Wilson administration, Senator Hitchcock, chairman of the senate Philippine committee, discussed with President Wilson late today, a provision to that effect which Senator Clarke of Arkansas had introduced as an amendment to the pending Philippine bill.

After conferring with the president, Senator Hitchcock, while he would not say what the president had told him, indicated it was probable the amendment would have the administration's support. The president previously opposed another amendment by Senator Clarke to give independence to the Philippines within two years.

Senator Hitchcock went to the White House at the president's request.

The Clarke amendment would direct the president to invite the cooperation of the powers in a pledge to maintain the sovereignty of the islands and if such an agreement would not be reached, would authorize him to guarantee on the behalf of the United States alone the independence of the islands for a period of four years. It also would give the president power to negotiate the adjustment of all property rights and reserve and acquire lands needed by the United States for naval bases and coaling stations and would provide that in case the United States should be at war or some other emergency would make it inadvisable to release the islands at the time fixed, the president would be:

"Authorized by proclamation duly made and published to extend the time to and including the date of the final adjustment of the first session of congress which shall convene next after the date of the expiration of the four years and thus afford congress an opportunity in its discretion further to consider the situation in the islands."

Senator Clarke's amendment was the subject of an animated discussion in the senate during the day.

### Moves from the Country.

Mr. G. D. Wilson and family, of Hickory Tavern, has moved to the city and is now occupying the cottage on the corner of Academy street and Irby avenue, in the southern part of the city. They will be welcome residents to the city.

## ELECTIONS CLAIM WIDEST INTEREST

### Opposition to Associate Justice Frazer Develops

### GEO. F. MOWER'S NAME MENTIONED

### Race for Warehouse Commissioner is Still Attracting Great Deal of Interest. McLaurin's Place Sought by Others.

Columbia, Jan. 23.—The elections which will be held on Wednesday by the General Assembly are holding the centre of interest in legislative and political circles. And the most unexpected development in the whole group of places to be filled is the opposition to Associate Justice T. B. Frazer. The name of George S. Mower, one of the representatives from Newberry and Speaker pro tem of the house, has been brought forward in opposition to Justice Frazer, and this situation has caused a great deal of talk around the capitol. A former influential member of the general assembly arrived suddenly in Columbia the other night to look into the matter, for he would hardly believe that opposition had developed to the re-election of Associate Justice T. B. Frazer, of Sumter.

This position is going to either increase in interest or opposition to the re-election of Justice Frazer will cease. The members have gone home for the week-end and nothing positive will appear to get a line on the situation until they return on Monday night.

The warehouse commissioner's race is still attracting much interest. John L. McLaurin, who was last week endorsed by the State Farmers' Union and the South Carolina Warehouse Association is opposed by F. M. Cary, of Pickens, and John J. McMahan, of Columbia. The unofficial announcement from the governor's office the other day that he had no candidate for this place was received with a good deal of interest in both branches of the general assembly.

Mrs. Virginia Green Moody, State librarian; Carlton W. Sawyer, Comptroller General, and F. H. McMaster, insurance commissioner, will be re-elected to succeed themselves without opposition. This will also be the case of Circuit Judges James W. DeVore and S. W. G. Shipp, of the 11th and 12th circuits. The race for code commissioner lies between J. Rion McKisick, of Greenville; J. C. Townsend, of Columbia; P. E. Carroll, of Bamberg, and H. J. Riley, of Bennettsville.

Other positions to be filled at the joint assembly on Wednesday are the following:

Two trustees of Winthrop College, B. R. Tillman and D. W. McLaurin terms expired.

Directors of State Penitentiary, terms of W. H. Glenn and A. H. Hawkins expired.

Two trustees of the University of South Carolina, terms of W. M. Hamer and C. E. Spencer expired.

Three trustees of Clemson College, terms of E. T. Hughes, R. H. Timmerman and S. T. McKeown expired.

Two trustees of State Colored College, terms of G. B. White expired, and J. W. Floyd, deceased.

Two members board of visitors of the Citadel, terms of W. W. Lewis and John P. Thomas expired.

Indications are that all of these will be elected to succeed themselves, the only contest in sight being for directors of the State penitentiary. All of the trustees will undoubtedly be chosen for another term, the place of Gen. Floyd on the State Colored College being filled by C. F. Brooks, of Laurens, who was appointed to the vacancy by Governor Manning.

When the Senate reassembles on Monday night at 8 o'clock debate on the Verner bill seeking to abolish all scholarships and free tuition in State colleges will be resumed. There are several amendments pending to the bill, one by Senator Carlisle which would allow boys unable to pay their tuition to give their notes endorsed by their parents or guardians for same and pay the notes within two years after graduation, and one by Senator Williams, of Aiken, just to take the straight notes of the students without any endorsements.

Senator Alan Johnstone wants the (Continued on Page Ten.)