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### OUR PREDICAMENT.

Although The Advertiser's views on the conduct of the city government in the past are well known and our views are unchanged, we have no desire to gloat over the embarrassing situation in which the administration finds itself this morning. We cannot refrain, however, from reminding the mayor and board of aldermen of the suggestion offered when they went into office something like a year ago, viz., to study the city charter as the bed-rock of the city's government. We are free to admit that it is but human to make mistakes, but we cannot but think that had the charter been given the attention it deserved it would not have expired and left us in such a predicament.

The situation which confronts us is one that will require an exhibition of faith toward the officials of yesterday and good judgment in the solution of the difficulty. We are a city in all outward appearances and the city's business must be transacted in some way. While the officials of the chartered city are hardly de facto officials today, we must rely upon them to carry on such of the city's affairs as are necessary for civic existence. Our streets must be cleaned and lighted; our homes must be furnished with water and lights, our current expenses must be met and many other things must be done that are absolutely necessary to do. To have these things done, taxes and accounts due the city should be met as if nothing had occurred, as the city's affairs cannot be conducted without money.

As to what changes, if any, should be made in the old charter in case it is offered for renewal, we have little to suggest. The matter has come up rather suddenly, so our mind is as yet open on the question. Yet, as a general proposition, we hardly think it can be denied that the old charter made possible too much centralization of power in the hands of one man. This, we think, should be improved on in some manner. It is possible that the adoption of the commission form of government would go far toward correcting many evils existing in our old form of government, but we have not given the matter enough study to express any opinion on it ourselves or to give an intelligent outline of it for the benefit of those interested.

It seems to us that it would be well to have a public meeting of the electors in the court house where the matter may be gone into thoroughly.

In the meantime, as suggested in the outset, all of us need to exercise a due amount of faith and patience, yielding our minor legal prerogatives in order that individually and collectively we may be discomfited as little as possible on account of the falling down of our municipal fabric.

### Gave Delightful Lectures.

Miss Maud van Buren, who came to Laurens last week under the auspices of the Civic League, delivered five very entertaining and inspiring lectures before attentive audiences Wednesday and Thursday. She delivered two public lectures and three lectures in the schools. Her subjects were along civic improvement lines and dealt largely with matters of health, sanitation, city beautifying, education, etc. Largely as a result of her visit here a "Better Laurens Club" was formed at a meeting in the court house last night, at which Mr. B. L. Parkinson was elected president.

### ROBBERS OPEN LAUNDRY SAFE.

Bold Thieves Make Haul at Greenville, Doubt as to Time.

Greenville, Feb. 28.—The safe of the Ideal Steam Laundry was blown open and \$150 stolen either early Monday morning or during the night of Saturday. A negro boy states that he was held up Monday morning before 6 o'clock by an armed man at this building which is on McFee avenue and from this statement it was believed that the yegmen were then engaged in the robbery.

### Dr. Sikes Accepts.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 21.—Dr. E. W. Sikes, dean and professor of history at Wake Forest College, today accepted the presidency of Coker College, at Hartsville, S. C. He will assume his duties about January 1.

### PAST HISTORY.

(By Wm. D. S.)

Our newspapers are publishing some old trials that are news to our present generation; that our magistrates had power to sentence a man to be hanged. The Greenville News related the trial of the Davenport negro for insurrection. The Abbeville Banner the trial of the Barmore negroes for the murder of Maddox. I am going to tell about three noted magistrate trials that occurred here in Laurens county. All in one settlement around Poplar Spring church, and I think all three were tried by one magistrate, Thomas J. Sullivan. It is wonderful how long these old officers served the people, and how they were respected and what an influence they had for good in their communities. Joel Smith's man Ike was tried in a magistrate court, and found guilty of the murder of Mr. Manley and was hanged near Brewerton. Dr. Charley Wolff put up a tent above the Smith store and dissected the body of the negro.

Next was the negro of Gabriel South, tried for an attempt to commit rape. He was defended by Jack Jones, Esq., of Abbeville courthouse. He was very rough in the examination of the woman, and her people resented it and they nearly had a serious time at the trial. The negro was condemned to be hanged but died in jail before the day of execution. The other case was the inquest over the body of Mrs. Robert Stephens. Her husband fled to Texas and was a noted character during the Texas revolution under the name of David Brown and is widely known over the state of Texas. He has caused as much legislation as any man that ever lived in Texas. There has been continued suits over his lands since his death, and even today these suits are going on in the old fields around Beaumont.

Our fathers had their peculiar impressions about the public executions. When one was to come off they loaded up their wagons and sent all their slaves to see the sight. They were under the impression that it would have a deterring influence upon their lives. If an overseer was killed these days how much do you reckon would be the amount of the suit of damages that would be brought against the landlord?

### To Automobile Drivers!

I want to ask you to please slaken your speed when driving on East Main street. There has been so much rapid, reckless driving that many of our finest chickens have been run over and killed. It is a great annoyance and loss, after we have spent time and money to raise chickens to have them butchered up in this way. We want to ask the police force to be on the alert and if this manner of driving is not stopped to see to it that the law is enforced. "Citizen".

Feb. 29, 1916.

Red Iron Racket buyers were in the markets in January and also last week, and some are in the market this week. There is going to be lots of good things to be found in the Red Iron Racket Stores this season. Watch these stores for good things.

### LONG VIEW NEWS.

Long View, Feb. 28.—Farmers of this section are busy breaking up their lands.

A cabin near here was destroyed by fire recently belonging to Mr. A. F. Coleman.

Mr. T. M. Cole and Mr. Z. T. Wells went to a box supper at the Wade school house Friday night and report a nice time.

Mr. D. O. Reeder went to Mountville on business recently. Mrs. T. W. Pinson and children spent the day with her parents recently.

Mr. B. B. Owens and little son, Lawrence, spent one night last week with his brother, at Greenwood, Dr. J. B. Owens.

Mr. R. L. Cole and Mr. H. F. Coleman are having lumber sawed.

Mr. E. B. Pinson went to Laurens on business Thursday.

Mr. J. T. Wells was a visitor in Long View Sunday.

Miss Eloise Reeder has gone to Florence to make that her home, with her brother, Mr. W. G. Reeder, for a short while.

Our spring showing of Rugs and Art squares is the best that we have ever shown. This line includes every kind and quality of Rugs, ranging in price from 25c up to \$5.00, and Art Squares from \$2.75 up to \$35.00. We would be glad to have you call and see these goods. You will find a number of these that we are selling less than we could go into the market today and buy them, for we bought them cheap and are selling them cheap. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

### JONES NEWS.

Jones, Feb. 28.—There was quarterly meeting at Kings Chapel last Saturday. Presiding Elder Walter I. Herbert, was present and after disposing of the business of the meeting, preached an eloquent and forceful sermon.

Mr. G. B. Riley has returned from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. W. A. McCord of Spartanburg.

We recently spent a short while in Hodges and met Messrs Jas. Graham, Eldridge Tinsley, C. W. Rainester, Robert Nickles, Thos. Robertson and other friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl M. Caine and Master Earle Jr., spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Jones.

Messrs Mendoza Higgins and David Rampey have fine oat crops.

Messrs Walter, Frank and W. T. Jones, Jr., built a good garden last week.

Mr. Adger Cobb has an incubator and has embarked in the poultry business on an extensive scale.

Mr. D. Shirley is busily engaged making preparations for a crop.

Mr. Dr. W. T. Jones has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. E. Martin of Fairfield.

Several new pupils have recently entered school.

Rev. J. O. Copeland of Brewerton met his appointment yesterday afternoon and gave us a good sermon.

Mr. Charlie Simpson honored us with his presence at Sunday school yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Langston of Greenwood were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Hughes.

We recently met Rev. Whitlock of Newberry, Dr. and Mrs. Gilkerson of Princeton, Leon Moore of Ekum, and Moseena Higgins of Hodges.

Born 23rd inst to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Martin, a son.

Mr. Woodward of Greenville spent the week-end with his parents.

Judge Joseph T. Johnson, of Greenville, sold a large lot of cotton at Ware Shoals last week.

We are indebted to the following friends for recent kind favors: Roy Smith, Willie and Walter Cooper, Simpson Sprouse, C. C. Pressley, W. W. Hall, W. D. Gunter, Wallace Nelson, Wm. Aiken, Luther Cooper, J. H. Simpson, R. T. Grenels, Ernest Craft and others.

Mrs. G. L. Graham and children, Jas. and Laura, attended quarterly meeting at Kings Chapel.

### BARKSDALE NEWS.

Barksdale, Feb. 28.—The farmers of this community are beginning to get their work done.

People will notice that Mr. Ruben Henderson of Barksdale has finished his new house which will help the station out in looks when he gets things fixed up around it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Martin of Owings has been spending a week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baldwin of Barksdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Knight, Mr. and Mrs. Huber Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Baldwin near Barksdale last Sunday.

Such a change of weather has left many people of this section with bad colds.

Misses Carrie and Bertha and Mr. Gary Baldwin of Ora were visiting Misses Louelle and Annie Baldwin of Barksdale Sunday.

A very interesting sermon was rendered to the people of Highland Home Sunday by their new pastor, Mr. Washington of Gray Court, a very good crowd being present and I hope that it will do those that heard it some good.

### BAIL FOR BURTON.

Man Who Killed Langford in Newberry Some Weeks Ago.

Lexington, Feb. 28.—George Bell Timmerman, solicitor of this circuit, and T. C. Callison, his law partner, have been retained by Ira O. Burton, the Newberry white man who killed David Langford, in the city of Newberry some weeks ago, to look after his defence. Mr. Timmerman was to have gone to Abbeville on Saturday to apply for bail for his client before Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary, but on account of the fact that Solicitor Cooper could not be present, Mr. Timmerman deferred his trip. Solicitor Timmerman left yesterday for Saluda, where the General Sessions Court convened today. Just as soon, however, as the Saluda Court ends, Mr. Timmerman will take up the Burton bail case before a circuit judge in the Newberry circuit, or before one of the supreme court justices.

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### TYLERSVILLE NEWS.

Tylersville, Feb. 28.—Rev. J. K. Hollman of Enoree filled his regular appointment at Sandy Springs Sunday afternoon.

Miss Fannie Poole who is teaching near Dalzell, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Poole. Mr. Frank Little spent Saturday in Laurens.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donnan visited friends on Pea Ridge Sunday morning.

Mr. T. P. Poole and daughter, Miss Grays, were in Laurens shopping Saturday.

Mr. Hugh Myers spent Sunday with Mr. Joshua Craig Poole.

Mr. J. S. Craig spent Sunday with relatives in Ora.

Messrs Niles and Floyd Clark of Clinton, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. M. A. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs J. F. Poole spent Saturday in Laurens.

### COLD POINT NEWS.

Cold Point, Feb. 28.—Mr. Eugene Madden, of Barksdale, was the Sunday guest of Mr. Dallas Nelson.

Miss Lois Reed, of Oakville, visited her sister, Mrs. Teague, several days last week.

Mrs. Guy E. Moore visited in Laurens Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Duncan, of Laurens, visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

The teachers were the guests of Mrs. Walker and her daughter Miss Lizzie Walker, one night last week.

Miss Lillie Fuller, of Mountville, visited in this neighborhood recently.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Duncan were visitors Sunday for a short while to this community.

### COBURN MINSTRELS NEXT WEEK.

Popular Performers Will be at the City Opera House March 10th.

Coburns Minstrels will play in Laurens again this season, the contract having already been made with Manager Switzer of the Opera House. They are scheduled to show here on the night of Friday, March 10th. The following from the Jacksonville Times-Union will prove better than anything else how unusually fine this popular minstrel is this season.

"Coburn's Minstrels appeared at the Duval Theater last night and to say that it pales its former appearances here, almost into insignificance is not saying too much, for the aggregation of comedians, singers and dancers is greater and better than at any other time it has ever been seen in Jacksonville.

The performance last evening was witnessed by a fairly filled house, and at the close of the entertainment the audience filed out of the exits well pleased, to say the least. The opening scene represented a view of the Palm Beach Club in Old Venice, and it was prettily staged. In the opening numbers the numbers are swiftly changed, and for the first half hour the performance is one of song and dancing in rapid succession.

Charles Vermont, in his midnight cakewalk ball, pigeon walk and Aunt Skinnners' chicken dinner, was especially pleasing to the audience, and he, with Rees Prosser, in song numbers, were roundly applauded after each and every effort. Prosser, well known in the minstrel world, exhibited his old time sweetness of voice, and he was a real favorite of the evening.

The closing scene of the show was a political satire in two scenes, the opening one representing a meeting of William Jennings Bryan and Theodore Roosevelt. The closing saw them in Jungle Land, W. J. as Teddy's guest in the wilds of South America, along the River of Doubt.

Frank Decker, as the juggler, proved himself far above the average in his line, and his few moments before the audience were all moments of entertainment.

The Three Musical Cate Brothers, as saraphine artists, were also worthy of special mention.

The singing and dancing in Coburn's Minstrel show this year is excellent, and the collection of artists, the best that has ever traveled under that name, is deserving of all the patronage that is accorded it."

### Announces for Treasurer.

Mr. Jud Langston, a well known farmer of the county announces in this week's issue of The Advertiser that he will be a candidate for the office of treasurer. Mr. Langston states that he is not in politics but merely wants the job.

### Mr. Watts Makes Announcement.

Mr. John D. W. Watts announces in this issue his candidacy for the office of sheriff. Mr. Watts has been serving the unexpired term of the late John D. Owings, having been appointed by the governor several weeks ago.

### STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting Will Be Held in Columbia, March 16-18.

Spartanburg, Feb. 29.—The program for the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association in Columbia, on March 16-18, is regarded as one of the most attractive in a number of years. The chief address of the convention will be delivered on the night of the opening session, March 16 at 8:30 o'clock, by Dr. Bruce R. Payne, president of Peabody College for teachers, Nashville, Tenn. The teachers are expecting a treat in this address. The annual address by Dr. Henry Nelson Synder, the president of the association, will also be delivered on Thursday evening. The report of the special committee on the reorganization of the associations will be delivered Thursday evening by Mr. R. S. Rogers, chairman, of Dillon county.

The first session Friday will be given over to a discussion of the next steps in Educational Progress from various view points. Among those who will take part in this discussion will be R. T. Hallum, Pickens; T. C. Easterling, Marion; Miss Elizabeth Dickson, Miss Madeline Spigener, Laeco Gunter, W. H. Hand and Dr. D. M. Douglas, president of the Presbyterian College.

Friday afternoon a reception will be tendered the visiting teachers at the University of South Carolina gymnasium.

Friday evening an address will be delivered by Rev. Arthur W. Dunn of the United States Bureau of Education, Superintendent of Education Swearingen and Dr. D. M. Ramsey will also deliver addresses.

Saturday will be given over to reports of committees.

Attractive programs have also been arranged by all of the departments.

### Out for Coroner.

Z. R. Traynham, the well known farmer of the Barksdale section, has thrown his hat in the ring for the office of coroner. His announcement is found in the regular column of this paper.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Coroner and promise to abide by the results of the Democratic primary. Z. R. TRAYNHAM.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Laurens county and promise to abide by the results of the Democratic primary. R. JUD. LANGSTON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Laurens county and promise to abide by the results of the Democratic primary. JOHN D. W. WATTS.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Laurens County and pledge myself to abide by the result of the Democratic primary. L. F. McSWAIN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Laurens County subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. GEO. C. HOPKINS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Treasurer of Laurens county and promise to abide by the results of the Democratic primary. ROSS D. YOUNG.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

Fodder—See J. Dunk Watts if you want any fodder. 32-1t

Eggs For Sale—Rose-comb White Wyandotte eggs for sale at \$1.50 for fifteen. Louis Anderson, Laurens, S. C. 32-3t

Salesman Wanted—to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address The Victor Oil Co., Cleveland, O. 32-1t-pd

Notice—All persons are hereby forbidden to harbor or hire J. G. Gary, Alie Gary and Lillah Gary who are under contract to me for the year 1916. J. W. A. Boyd, Laurens, S. C. 32-1t-pd

Lost—A black raincoat between S. J. Davis' place at Trinity Ridge and my home near Steel bridge on Babun creek. Finder please notify me. A. C. Phillips, Laurens, S. C., Rt. 6. 32-1t-pd

Eggs—From my prize-winning White and Brown Leghorns, and Rhode Is-

land Reds that are red". My hens are bred to lay". \$1.00 for fifteen. T. Houston Babb, Gray Court, R. F. D. 31-5t-pd

For Sale—Twin cylinder Indian motorcycle, in first class condition, nearly new. See it at W. P. Hudgon's shop or write L. H. Willis, Gray Court, S. C. 32-1t-pd

For Sale—Eight gins with presses complete, except engine. Sell all or half outfit. In use several years, but in good order. Must be sold at once. Bargain. Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company, Ware Shoals, S. C. 32-5t

For Sale—50 bushels pure Tool's Cotton Seed and 50 bushels Simpkins Profile, \$1.00 per bushel. R. V. Irby, Laurens, S. C., 32-1t

For Sale—A few settings of eggs from my pen of S. C. Rhode Island Reds, bred from birds bought from Lester Thompkins of Concord, Mass. Price \$1.25 per setting of 15. J. McD. Moore, 579 E. Main St., Laurens, S. C. Phone 165. 31-tt

For Sale—Land, pigs, shoats for sale. Only practical subsoiler on the market, two-mules, one hand does the work of four mules and two hands. It works behind any plow, fastens to beam of front plow, subsoils furrow, then leaves all your clay under top soil where it belongs. Your land won't get hard, get better stands of cotton, etc. Will demonstrate with pleasure. I am selling fertilizer for the Anderson Phosphate and Oil Co. See me before you buy, I can sell you as cheap as anybody. Tom M. Shaw. 30-10t

For Sale—Practically new rubber-tire top buggy. Also 100 bushels Big Boll Cotton Seed at \$1.00 per bushel. Also for rent: entire upper floor of lay house. E. W. Copeland, Laurens, S. C. 30-5t

For Sale—Pure White and Brown Leghorn eggs from my prize winners, \$1.25 per setting of 15—"The hen that lays is the hen that pays". Grover C. Roper, Laurens, S. C., Route 6. 28-5t-pd

Frost Proof Cabbage Plants—Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, All Head, Succession and Flat Dutch, 90 cents per 1,000, 15 cents per hundred postpaid. W. Y. McNeill, Waterloo, S. C. 25-12t-pd



Call in and inspect our recent shipment of horses and mules. These are the best-grade Tennessee mules and are ready for work.

### GRAY-EASTERBY MULE COMPANY

Martin's Stable, back of Enterprise Bank

### TO CHANGE

Will make a number of changes in my business on April 1st.

See Our Specials

In both Photographs and Picture Frames for month of March.

Nichols Studio

### School Books and School Supplies.

This is the only store in Laurens handling School Books. All the required books are kept here.

We also carry a complete stock of Tablets, Pens, Inks, Pencils, Rulers and all other supplies for the schools.

### Powe Drug Company