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## COOPER AND STUCKEY HOLDING THE STAGE

### Political Interest Centers Around Them

### THEIR DECISION IS BEING AWAITED

#### Widespread and Increasing Demand Throughout the State for Abolishing the County to County Campaign. County Conventions to be Sounded on It.

Columbia, March 4.—Although there have been no new developments during the week just closed in the surface view of politics still the jockeying for position among the politicians continues unabated and behind the screen which effectively shuts out the public gaze the maneuvering has been very much in evidence all week. Some things may crop out within the next few days will have a decided bearing on the whole situation.

Those close in the confidence of Governor Manning have not seen fit to make public any comment on the various announcements and near announcements of candidates, both active and prospective, who will contest with the governor for the nomination at the hands of the Democrats in the coming primaries for the position of Chief Magistrate. That the friends of the governor are keeping in "close touch" with the situation and are watching closely every move on the political chess board is known but they are not talking for publication. They are evidently of the opinion that watchful waiting is the best policy which can be pursued for the present for they are known to feel that it is still too far away from the campaign for the different elements and issues to be clarified. That there will be much shifting and changing in their opinion between now and the opening of the campaign.

While Governor Manning has not formally announced his candidacy for reelection it is known that he will run. Several up-State papers this last week said friends of the governor had received letters saying he was in the race for reelection.

#### Watching Cooper.

The public attention is centered right at present on what Solicitor R. A. Cooper, of Laurens, and Mr. W. A. Stuckey of Bishopville, will do. That both are being urged to enter the race for Governor is known. The attitude of Solicitor Cooper and Mr. Stuckey will have a most important bearing on the outcome of the campaign in the opinion of well posted and impartial observers.

Former Governor Cole L. Bleas has formally announced that he will seek election to the governorship and his friends are making an active campaign for him.

#### My Effect Reform.

There is a widespread and increasing demand throughout the State for the Democratic State convention to abolish the county to county canvass of the candidates. The sentiment for the doing away of this archaic method of campaigning is on the increase for impartial and unbiased observers declare that this political circus does the State a great deal of harm and no good at all. They declare that without it factionalism would die and candidates would have to discuss issues instead of one another as it almost imperative under the county to county canvass to get any attention. When the democratic clubs meet in April to elect delegates to the county conventions this matter will come up and efforts will be made to send up instructed delegations to knock out the county to county canvass it is said.

John T. Duncan has again announced his candidacy for governor. Mr. Duncan declares that the people are tired of the factionalism and are ready for a new deal.

#### Another Candidate.

J. M. DesChamps of Columbia has also announced his candidacy for governor on the democratic ticket. He is an author and lecturer and is making an extensive newspaper advertising campaign of his platform on which he will ask the democrats of the state to nominate him.

Democrats will cease their differences this week to see what the Re-

## CONFERENCE AT HARMONY.

### Methodist Church Near Ware Shoals Greatly Benefitted by Excellent Meeting.

Through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Lamar, a Bible Conference was held at the Methodist Protestant church at Harmony near Ware Shoals. This conference commenced on Sunday morning, Feb. 27th, and lasted through Tuesday night services.

Prof. M. B. Greer of Cross Anchor high school opened the conference with an address on "The Bible as Good Literature". The subject was pleasingly handled and the characters and stories of the Bible well portrayed. He was followed by Rev. Homer Casto of Pensacola, N. C., whose subject was "The Waste of Young Life." An introductory to his address he spoke of the American people as a wasteful people, not only life, but land, forests and time. His address was given the closest attention by a large audience and has been the subject of favorable comment.

On Sunday night the first sermon was preached by Rev. Travis Taylor, of Ware Shoals on the subject of "The Rock Foundation of Peter." Rev. Ray Anderson of Laurens, then spoke on the importance of "A Purpose in Life". In spite of the extreme cold a large audience was out to hear these speakers, and was benefited much by their addresses.

The first speaker on Monday was Mr. Sasfo, who gave a splendid comparison between "Religion and Life". He showed the difference between religion and Christianity. Rev. J. B. Connelly gave an excellent talk on "The Command to Go", which was enjoyed very much.

Notwithstanding the sleet and snow of Monday night a fairly large congregation was out to hear Rev. Sam T. Creech of Woodruff. He is a forceful speaker and his text and sermon on Romans 12:1 made a lasting impression.

Three services were held Tuesday and Tuesday night. On Tuesday morning Rev. J. L. Hodges of Spartanburg gave a splendid talk on "The Still Small Voice," and on Tuesday night he thrilled his audience with "Songs of the Night." Both were splendid sermons. Rev. J. M. Dallas made an excellent address on "Consecrated Giving". He stressed the importance of giving the tenth. His address will have great results, and quite a number of people have promised the tenth as a result of his address.

"The Old-Fashioned Home" by Mr. Creech was a beautiful sermon. He melted his audience to laughter then to tears. Rev. A. O. Copeland gave a short but excellent talk on "Obedience."

Mr. Lawrence Poole of Cross Anchor played the organ for all the services, and Prof. E. L. Firecloth of the Vaughn Pub. Company conducted the singing. Much of the success of the conference is due these two gentlemen for the inspiring music.

The people of the community appreciate Mr. Lamar's efforts to give them such a good conference, and before adjourning they voted to make it annual. The church is livened and the people feel that they are better by having had this conference. The influence for good is felt in the entire community.

#### Rumors of Through Train.

According to the Greenville News, rumors are afloat in Greenville to the effect that the C. & W. C. and C. N. & L. railroads are considering improving the service on the line between Greenville and Columbia by putting on a through train service between the two cities. It is proposed, so the rumor goes, that the train will leave Greenville in the early morning and return from Columbia in the evening and that only the larger towns will be made stopping points. The rumor has had no confirmation from official sources.

#### To Dig Deep Wells.

Mr. Gary C. Watts, the deep well digger of Mountville, has been awarded a contract by the Laurens Cotton Mills to drill several deep wells on the mill premises in this city.

publicans will do regarding a state ticket. The republican state convention meets in Columbia on Tuesday to elect delegates to the national convention in Chicago and to decide whether or not to put a state ticket in the field to oppose the democrats. It is not likely that any state ticket will be nominated by them.

## INCORPORATION PLANS PROGRESSING

### City Democratic Club to Hold Meeting Tomorrow to Provide for Primary to Fill Offices Under Proposed New City Government. Candidates Coming Out.

Pursuant to a notice by R. E. Babb, president of the City Democratic club found in another column of this paper, a meeting of members of the club will be held in the court house Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock to arrange the preliminaries incident to the holding of a primary to nominate officers for the proposed City of Laurens, re-incorporation of which will be voted on at an early date.

Steps have already been taken to comply with the law regulating elections for cities desiring to be incorporated. Wednesday morning, before many people were aware that the city was without a charter, census takers were out taking a census of the city and this was soon completed, it being found, it is understood, that the population of the city as proposed to be re-incorporated was over 5,000. A petition was then circulated asking the secretary of state to order an election under the statutes providing for incorporation of cities of over 5,000 inhabitants. It is understood that the ex-mayor and the ex-aldermen were named in the petition as commissioners of election. No hitch is anticipated in the order for the election, so the citizens will doubtless be given an opportunity to vote on articles of incorporation at an early date. The nominees in the primary, mentioned above, will be confirmed in the election for incorporation, providing there is not an independent ticket, of which there has been no agitation, so far as can be learned.

#### The Candidates.

Considerable discussion has been held as to who is to fill the offices provided for under the new government. There will be the same number of offices to be filled as before and it is understood that the former mayor C. M. Babb, and all of the board of aldermen will offer again for election. Others are being spoken of as prospective candidates and still others have "thrown their hats in the ring". In the race for mayor several names have been mentioned as possible contestants with Mr. Babb, among them being John A. Franks, J. C. Owings, J. A. P. Moore and possible others. In Ward 1, C. H. Gasque will be opposed by J. Dunk Watts. In Ward 2 D. Roy Simpson has announced his intention of opposing S. B. Sexton. Alen Brantlett is also prominently spoken of in this ward. In Ward 3 no opposition has yet developed against Alderman Hellams. In Ward 4 it is understood that Pinckney Sullivan will oppose Alderman Switzer. In Ward 5, Alderman Franks' ward, the atmosphere seems clouded, information being scarce on that side. In Ward 6, Alderman Adams is still holding his own, but several are considering entering the race. Others are being considered in the various wards. The time for holding the primary will most probably be decided at the meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon.

The following is the statute which applies in cases where cities of over 5,000 inhabitants desire to be incorporated: "Whenever one hundred citizens of any proposed city of this state con-

tain more than 5,000 inhabitants shall desire that the said city shall become incorporated, they may present to the secretary of state a petition for that purpose, setting forth the name of the proposed city, the proposed corporate limits and the number of inhabitants thereof, signed by at least 100 free hold voters of said proposed city. The Secretary of State shall then issue a commission to not more than 10 nor less than 5 commissioners, citizens of said proposed city, empowering them to proceed with the proper registration of the electors within the proposed corporate limits of the proposed city and to advertise an election for twenty consecutive days in the newspapers published within the proposed corporate limits of the proposed city and if there be no newspaper published therein then to advertise by posting notice of such election for twenty consecutive days in not less than three public places within such proposed corporate limits and to appoint managers to conduct the same, which election shall be conducted as all other municipal elections and at which the electors shall vote on the following questions: 1, Corporation; 2, Name; 3, Mayor and aldermen, voting for one alderman from each ward and if said proposed city be not divided into wards, then for six aldermen from the proposed city at large. Managers of said election shall make their sworn return of the result of said election to the said commissioners who shall certify the same to the secretary of state which return shall show the number of those voting in said election together with the number of those voting on each of said questions. If a majority of those voting in such election shall vote in favor of such proposed territory being incorporated, then the secretary of state shall issue a certificate of incorporation of said proposed city under this article, which certificate shall state the name of the proposed city, and those receiving the highest number of votes for mayor and aldermen respectively in the election hereinbefore provided for shall be the mayor and aldermen of said city until their successors shall have been elected as hereinafter provided for.

"Said city shall be governed by a mayor and aldermen or in case of municipalities being divided into wards, one alderman from each ward, who shall be and be known as the city council of said city. Said mayor and aldermen shall be qualified electors of this state and of the county in which said city is situated and they shall have resided within the corporate limits of said city at least six months immediately preceding the day of election. If the city be divided into wards, the alderman from each ward shall be a qualified elector thereof and shall be elected by the qualified electors thereof. The said mayor and aldermen shall be elected every two years on such days and at such places in said city as shall be designated by the city council of said city ten days public notice thereof being previously given. They shall hold their offices for a term of two years and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified."

#### H. S. BLACKWELL ANNOUNCES FOR SOLICITOR

### Stated Yesterday that He Would be in the Race This Summer.

H. S. Blackwell, Esq., the well known local attorney, made definite announcement yesterday that he intends to run for solicitor of this circuit in the campaign the coming summer. Mr. Blackwell has had the matter under consideration for some time, but only came to a final decision yesterday. Others who have so far announced their intention of running are Geo. T. Magill, Esq., of Greenwood, and Howard T. Moore, of Abbeville. The circuit includes Abbeville, Greenwood, Newberry and Laurens counties.

Mr. Blackwell is a native of Due West, in Abbeville county, and received his college education at Erskine college. He taught school for two years and then entered Mercer uni-

versity at Macon, Ga., where he received his L. B. degree. He was licensed to practice in the courts of Georgia in May, 1906 and in the courts of South Carolina in September of the same year. He opened an office for the practice of his profession in Laurens shortly after this and established a relationship with the late Col. John M. Cannon, with whom he practiced for a number of years, being employed in a large number of cases in the courts here. He has had a wide practice in the criminal courts of the county, as well as on the civil side of the courts. He has received a great deal of encouragement wherever he has mentioned his candidacy and expects to come out on top in the contest.

Hon. R. A. Cooper, the present solicitor, has made no announcement as to his plans, as he still has under consideration the advisability of running for governor.

#### PICKS NEWTON D. BAKER FOR SECRETARY OF WAR

### President Will Send in Former Cleveland Mayor's Name Today to Succeed Garrison.

Washington, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson for secretary of war. His nomination will go to the senate tomorrow, and administration readers expect quick confirmation so the new secretary may take active charge of the war department's plans for army increases and reorganization.

Mr. Baker is a lawyer, and as a leader among Ohio Democrats has been a warm supporter of the Wilson policies since the pre-convention campaign in 1912. He has been a close personal friend of Mr. Wilson since the later was his instructor years ago at Johns Hopkins university and was offered the post of secretary of the interior in the Wilson cabinet.

He is understood to be in thorough accord with the president on the preparedness programme and foreign questions.

An offer of the war secretaryship was made to Mr. Baker by telegraph several days ago after the president had spent more than three weeks carefully going over a long list of those suggested to succeed Secretary Garrison. Mr. Baker accepted and upon being notified today that he would be nominated at once, telegraphed that he would be in Washington Thursday.

Mr. Baker is 44 years of age. He was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., and at the age of 25 was appointed private secretary to Postmaster General Wilson in President Cleveland's cabinet. In 1897 he began the practice of law at Martinsburg. He later moved to Cleveland, where he became city solicitor in 1902. He held this office for 10 years until his election as mayor. In 1914 he was re-elected mayor for a two year term.

Mr. Baker has received degrees at Johns Hopkins and Washington and Lee universities.

For years Mr. Baker has been closely identified with the reform movement in Cleveland. When Mayor Tom Johnson died Mr. Baker took up the fight for lower street car fares and finally brought about an adjustment of street railway franchises in Cleveland.

At the time of the Baltimore convention Mr. Baker was prominently mentioned for the vice presidency because of the fight he made for Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Baker has been known for years as a leader of the Ohio bar and is highly regarded by the president as a lawyer. Mr. Wilson wanted the place filled by a lawyer because of legal questions constantly arising in the administration of the war department, the Philippines, the Panama canal and Puerto Rico.

#### SALES LAST MONDAY.

### Very Little Property Changes Hands, Though Fair Crowd was Present.

Last Monday was salesday and a fairly large crowd was present. There were no sales by the Sheriff, only two by the Clerk of Court, one by the Probate Judge and one private sale.

The Coleman Rock Quarry located at Cold Point was sold by the Clerk to Mr. Byon Nickles for \$125.00. In the case of Southeastern Life Insurance Company vs Bardette, 443 acres near the Shell place about three miles from the city were sold to the insurance company for \$3,000.00.

In the settlement of the estate of W. M. Bryson, all of the property advertised, one gin outfit, 1 share Laurens Bank stock, 10 shares of Palmetto Bank stock and 20 shares of Watts Mills stock, were sold to the administrator, R. H. Bryson.

#### To Run for Sheriff.

The Advertiser has two more announcements in this issue for the office of sheriff. Mr. John W. Kelleit, of Dials township, and Mr. W. H. Barksdale, who lives near Gray Court, have thrown their hats into the ring. Others are expected to get in the race at an early date.

#### Lecture at Hickory Tavern.

Dr. E. W. Carpenter, of Greenville, will lecture at Hickory Tavern school building Friday evening, March 10th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to come. No admission fee will be charged.

## BOLD SEA RAIDER REACHES HOME PORT

### German Commerce Raider Safe With Large Booty

### ELUDED CAPTURE BY BRITISHERS

#### Performed One of the Most Spectacular Feats of the War by Reaching Great German Base in the North Sea which was Closely Patrolled by Britain's Fleet.

Berlin, March 5 (via London).—The German commerce raider Moewe has returned to a German port with 199 prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars, according to an official announcement today by the naval general staff. The statement follows:

"The naval general staff states that H. M. S. Moewe, commander Capt. Burgrave Count von Dohna-Scholdien, after a successful cruise lasting several months, arrived today at some home port with four British officers, 29 British marines and sailors, 166 men of crews of enemy steamers, among them 103 Indians, as prisoners and 1,000,000 marks in gold bars.

"The vessel captured the following enemy steamers, the greater part of which were sunk and a small part of which were sent as prizes to neutral ports:

"The British steamers Corbridge, 3,687 tons; Author, 3,496 tons; Trader, 3,608 tons; Ariadne, 3,035 tons; Dromonby, 3,627 tons; Farringford, 3,446 tons; Clan MacTavish, 5,816 tons; Appam, 7,781 tons; Westburn, 3,300 tons; Horace, 3,335 tons; Flamenco, 4,629 tons; Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons.

"The British sailing vessel Edinburgh, 1,473; the French steamer Maroni, 3,109 tons.

"The Belgian steamer Luxembourg, 4,322 tons.

"At several points on enemy coast the Moewe also laid out mines to which, among others, the battleship King Edward VII fell victim."

The Moewe's capture of two of the 15 vessels listed by the German admiralty has not been reported previously. They are the Saxon Prince and the Maroni, both engaged in the trans-Atlantic service.

The Saxon Prince, 3,471 tons gross, 352 feet long and owned by the Prince line of Newcastle, Eng., was built in Sunderland in 1899. She was last reported as sailing from Norfolk February 12 for Manchester.

The Maroni sailed February 19 from Bordeaux for New York. She was owned by the Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique of Havre and was 312 feet long and of 3,109 tons gross.

The Moewe, previously made famous by her exploits, has performed one of the most spectacular feats of the war on the seas by reaching a home port in safety. The great German naval port of Wilhelmshaven is on the North sea, which is patrolled with ceaseless vigilance by British warships. It is through those waters which have been blocked off districts for patrol by the different British units that the Moewe must have threaded her way.

At least part of the gold captured by the Moewe was taken from the Appam, which put in at Newport News several weeks ago under command of Lieut. Berg with a German prize crew.

Announcement was made in London January 10 that the British battleship King Edward VII had been blown up by a mine. The place at which the disaster occurred was not revealed by the British admiralty. It was said no lives were lost and only two men were injured.

#### John Mills Dead.

John Mills, of Rutherfordton, N. C., until recently president of the Commercial National Bank of that place, died yesterday at his home in Rutherfordton after an illness of several months. Mr. Mills was a cousin of Mrs. R. H. E. Chapman of this city, and a relative of the late Mrs. Frank Cox, of Rutherfordton. He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Nora Poole, a daughter of Dr. J. T. Poole, of Laurens county. R. K. Carson, of this city, and perhaps other friends of Mr. Mills will attend the funeral services which will take place in Rutherfordton Sunday—Spartanburg Herald.