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## COOPER INAUGURAL NEXT TUESDAY

### Number of Friends From Here to Attend

## LEGISLATURE CONVENED YESTERDAY

### Among More Important Matters to be Taken up by the Legislature will be that of Constitutional Convention, Highway Improvement Bonds, In- creased Appropriations for Public Schools.

The inauguration of Hon. Robert A. Cooper, of this city, as governor of South Carolina is to take place next Tuesday most probably in the hall of the House of Representatives at noon. A large number of people of this city have already signified a desire to be present on that occasion and probably a large number will attend to witness the installation ceremonies. The legislature was due to convene yesterday at noon, the delegation from this county already having gone down to be present. Gov. Elect Cooper has been busy on his inaugural address during the past few weeks, but no advance information as to its contents has been made known, though it is generally believed to be largely taken up with an educational program for the state.

A survey of the session, taken from the daily papers Sunday, states that the session is expected to run the customary forty days.

Following the organization of the house and senate on the first day of the session, the annual message of Governor Richard I. Manning, who retires from office on January 20, after having served four years as chief magistrate, will be read before both bodies.

In neither the house nor the senate are the elections of the officials expected to consume much time. In the house the retiring speaker, Thomas P. Cothran, of Greenville, is expected to be re-elected on the first ballot, possibly without opposition, and thus far no opposition has developed to the re-election of J. Wilson Gibbs as clerk. The presiding officer of the senate is Junius T. Liles, lieutenant governor, M. M. Mann of Calhoun is the retiring secretary of the senate. He is offering for reelection apparently without opposition. Contests may develop for reading clerk in both the house and senate, but it is not anticipated that in either body will more than one ballot be necessary to choose this officer.

In the senate, committee assignments are made in the caucus held the night before the session opens the following day; the personnel of the house committees is selected by the speaker. Senator Niles Christensen of Beaufort will hold over as chairman of the finance committee of the senate and it is understood that Representative W. R. Bradford of York will be appointed to the chairmanship of the ways and means committee of the house. Mr. Bradford is a newspaper man as is Senator Christensen.

Among the more important matters to be considered at the session are the joint resolutions to be offered for a

constitutional convention; the issuance of permanent highway building bonds, to be underwritten by the State; reform in the tax laws of the State; increased appropriations for the public schools; increased salaries for State officials, and the application of the Military College of South Carolina (the Citadel) for a million dollar appropriation to increase the facilities of the institution.

Thus far there has not been a great deal of agitation for the proposed constitutional convention, but those who are sponsors for the movement point to the patched up condition of the present constitution, due to the many amendments which have been made to it since it was adopted in 1895, as sufficient reason, if no other could be offered, for rewriting the organic law of the State. Many hold that the three mill school tax provided for in the present constitution should be done away with as a handicap to the development of the public school system.

Several meetings have recently been held in the State in furtherance of the plan to issue State bonds to build permanent highways connecting the various county seats of the State. The automobile associations of the State are sponsors for the movement and the plan is to increase the tax on motor vehicles so as to provide sufficient revenue to pay the interest on the bonds and create a sinking fund to retire them as they come due. It is anticipated that the proposition will be productive of much debate in both branches of the general assembly.

There is a general demand throughout the State for improved public school facilities and the appropriations to be asked for the purpose by the education department this year are larger than at any time in the past. South Carolina is one of the lowest States of the Union in percentage of illiteracy and there is a general desire to improve conditions, including the passage of a Statewide compulsory school attendance law, but the means provided for the enforcement of the law are not considered adequate and the law is not broad enough in its scope to satisfy those who are urging the Statewide measure.

The tax laws of the State have been a source of more or less dissatisfaction for several years and it is certain that remedial legislation will be urged upon the general assembly. At the last session a determined fight was made on the State tax commission, but the friends of the commission were in the majority and for the time being the fight did not have the desired effect, which was to put the commission out of existence. There is promise that the fight will be resumed at the approaching session.

Early in the session a bill will be introduced simultaneously in the house and senate providing for increased salaries for certain State officers. The salaries now paid these officers is considered inadequate and it is the hope of the proponents of the bill to get the measure through both houses in time for the increases to apply to the incoming officials, who will take the oath of office a week after the general assembly meets. The constitution of South Carolina provides that the salary of no State officer shall be increased during the term for which he was elected. It will, there-

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## CAMPAIGN FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

### Over Two Thousand Dollars Already Subscribed in the City of Laurens and Quotas Assigned to Different Churches.

The efforts of the State Chairman and District Chairman for the Armenian and Syrian Relief cause having failed to secure an individual to act as chairman for this county, a meeting of several ministers of the city, with representatives from their respective churches, was held Sunday afternoon and a committee was appointed consisting of four pastors and five laymen to have charge of conducting the campaign in Laurens county. The committee consists of Rev. S. H. Templeman, Rev. C. T. Squires, Rev. A. E. Holler, Rev. W. S. Holmes, C. B. Boho, R. R. Nickels, W. R. McCuen, L. G. Balle and A. C. Todd. The county is expected to raise a minimum of \$5,000. The committee having given the matter careful consideration stated that this amount should be doubled.

Representative laymen as committeemen in each church in the county have been appointed to have charge of presenting this cause to their respective churches and congregations. They will, of course, be assisted by the pastors. Their hearty co-operation is already assured.

The congregation of the First Baptist church opened this campaign Sunday morning. The pastor briefly presented the appeal for the suffering millions in the Near East, and in less than twenty minutes, one thousand dollars was subscribed, which has since been increased considerably. At a meeting of the ministers and laymen Sunday afternoon, the churches of the city of Laurens agreed to raise \$2,500 of the minimum amount asked of the county.

A committee was sent to Clinton to confer with the ministers and laymen and they agreed that the City of Clinton should subscribe \$1,500, and that a committee should be organized there to manage the campaign in practically all of Hunter and Jacks Townships.

The appeal was presented Sunday night at the First Presbyterian church by Gov. Elect R. A. Cooper and A. C. Todd, and at the First Methodist church by the pastor and C. B. Boho, and by C. H. Roper at the Holmes Street Baptist church.

A subscription was taken at the First Presbyterian church at the evening service and \$735 was promptly subscribed. This amount has since been increased to something over \$1,100.

The campaign for Laurens county will end Sunday January the 26th, on the two Sundays remaining it is expected that this appeal will be presented to every church in the county. The committee has appointed W. P. Thomason, chairman of the speakers' bureau, and C. H. Roper, treasurer. The committees in the local churches desiring speakers for either Sunday should communicate with Mr. W. P. Thomason at once.

Mr. W. R. McCuen has been asked to have charge of the campaign among the negroes of the county.

While no subscriptions were taken at the First Methodist church Sunday night, a men's meeting was held Monday night and a committee appointed to make an every-member canvass. This church will undoubtedly raise more than its quota. The eleven men present subscribed \$700.

The following is the list of the churches in Laurens county and the minimum amount to be raised:

- New Prospect Baptist—Jno. H. Power, Jno. Q. Brown . . . \$ 75.00
- Chestnut Ridge Baptist—Jno. D. W. Watts, M. R. Caine . . . 100.00
- Trinity Methodist—G. S. Smith, Jno. C. Langston . . . 100.00
- Lanford Baptist—J. M. Fleming, G. L. Lanford . . . 75.00
- Lanford Methodist—C. L. Waldrop, W. P. Patterson . . . 75.00
- Langston Baptist—J. L. Chancy, Sandy Springs, Methodist—Will F. Wright, J. W. Donnan . . . 75.00
- Bethany Presbyterian—J. S. Craig, Downs Glenn . . . 100.00
- Ora A. R. P.—W. J. Fleming, W. M. Bryson, W. T. Blakely . . . 200.00
- Oldfield's Presbyterian—Oscar Hunter, J. Ben Hunter . . . 50.00
- Mt. Bethel Methodist—Capt. J. B. Humbert, N. B. Wood . . . 75.00
- New Harmony Protestant Methodist—W. H. Ballentine, G. B. Taylor . . . 100.00

- Waterloo Methodist—J. C. Smith, W. H. Wharton . . . 100.00
- Waterloo Baptist—J. H. Wharton, Rex Lanford . . . 100.00
- Cross Hill Presbyterian—R. A. Austin, J. E. Leaman, Dr. J. H. Miller . . . 200.00
- Cross Hill Baptist—W. C. Rator, W. P. Culbertson, Joe Denny, W. E. Griffin . . . 200.00
- Cross Hill Methodist—J. A. Guthrie, Mrs. Luther E. Martin . . . 100.00
- Mountville Universalist—J. M. Simmons, Mrs. W. J. Cluck . . . 100.00
- Mountville Presbyterian—B. R. Fuller, C. M. Fuller . . . 100.00
- Mountville Baptist—J. H. Motes, J. L. Boyd . . . 125.00
- Lisbon Presbyterian—A. R. Holmes, Blume Milam . . . 50.00
- Bothabara Baptist—J. H. Atchison . . . 50.00
- Owings Presbyterian—C. B. Owings, W. J. Bryson, R. O. Hunt . . . 200.00
- Bethany Baptist—J. B. Cook, J. T. Edwards . . . 75.00
- Durban Baptist—G. T. Cook, C. L. Leonard . . . 100.00
- Warrior Creek Baptist—W. S. Benjamin, Egbert Riddle, R. L. Cooper . . . 75.00
- Dials Methodist—W. C. Curry, L. R. Brooks . . . 100.00
- Friendship Baptist—W. E. Boho, W. R. Henderson . . . 100.00
- Shiloh Methodist—J. H. Wolff, Clyde Wilson . . . 100.00
- Princeton Baptist—M. L. Cheek, J. Frank Davis . . . 100.00
- Henderson Baptist—W. D. Sullivan, J. H. Tumbler . . . 50.00
- Friendship Presbyterian—T. W. Knight, G. C. Abercrombie . . . 75.00
- Poplar Springs—T. T. Wood, J. P. Simmons, E. E. Simpson . . . 100.00
- Quaker Baptist—C. C. Caldwell, J. F. Walker, R. P. Williams . . . 75.00
- Rocky Springs Presbyterian—W. D. Byrd, N. J. Anderson, W. T. Senn, Victor Weathers . . . 50.00
- Leesville Methodist—J. F. Satterwhite, J. Thos. Wesson . . . 50.00
- Bellevue Baptist—J. C. Wingo, W. S. Chapman . . . 50.00
- Narnie Baptist—F. H. Burton, Austin Bramlett . . . 50.00
- Highland Home Baptist—Z. R. Traynham, T. H. Barts, W. H. Barksdale . . . 75.00
- Gray Court Methodist—Frank D. Bolt, J. E. Johnson, R. L. Gray, T. A. Willis . . . 200.00
- Gray Court Baptist—Will T. Owings, Jno. B. Owings, G. H. Frady . . . 150.00
- Gray Court Presbyterian—D. L. Brooks, G. H. Dorroh . . . 100.00
- New Harmony Baptist—J. B. Cook, Robert Thompson . . . 75.00
- New Harmony Presbyterian—Robert Gilliland, Mrs. Mary Wethorn, W. F. Stewart . . . 75.00
- Bramlett's Methodist—O. C. Cox, H. D. Burdett . . . 75.00
- Beulah Baptist—W. E. Chapman, Wofford Wood . . . 100.00
- Green Pond Methodist—J. D. Wood, Talmage Kellett, J. Ben Taylor . . . 100.00
- Rabun Creek Baptist—Robert Bolt, E. H. Reeves, L. A. Armstrong . . . 150.00
- Mt. Gallagher Baptist—T. L. Martin, B. L. Henderson, J. P. Jones . . . 50.00
- Mt. Pleasant Baptist—B. M. Cunningham, Guy Moore . . . 75.00
- Mt. Olive Baptist—W. L. Cooper, M. W. Hill, Luther Cooper, Dr. J. O. Martin . . . 75.00
- New Zion Methodist—W. B. Sims, S. A. Taylor, Jno. Medaniel . . . 50.00
- Kings Chapel Methodist—J. C. Martin, Walter Manley, Wm. Eugene Abrams . . . 50.00
- Laurens A. R. P.—J. R. Ellis, A. J. Davis, Joe H. Nabers . . . 50.00
- Holmes Street Methodist—J. W. Hellams, F. C. Duncan, R. E. Gosnell . . . 75.00
- Templeton, L. H. Taylor . . . 50.00
- Holmes Street Baptist—C. C. Johnson, M. L. Smith, W. H. Todd Memorial—G. N. Franks, R. J. Franks, S. H. Templeton . . . 50.00
- Watts Mill Methodist—J. C. Clarke, Dr. R. R. Walker . . . 75.00
- Lucas Ave. Baptist—C. H. Sims, Rufus Carter . . . 75.00
- Little River Presbyterian—M. A. Cannon . . . 50.00

## TO RAISE BIG FUND. Methodists Discuss Plans at Laurens Meeting.

An important meeting of the centenary committee and the missionary boards of the Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist church was held here Wednesday with the Rev. E. A. Holler is pastor in charge. It was expected that Bishop Darlington of West Virginia would attend the meeting, but he was unable to come because of illness in his family.

The conference was held for the purpose of outlining plans for raising \$945,000, the quota this conference has been allotted on the \$35,000,000 which the Methodists will use in financing home and foreign mission work and other church enterprises.

The meeting here was presided over by the Rev. J. W. Speake, president of the conference board of missions. Informal addresses were made by the Rev. J. C. Roper of Chester, secretary of the centenary board, and by R. E. Babb, of Laurens, lay leader of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

As a result of the conference, a series of meetings will be held throughout the conference in each district, beginning next Monday with the first meeting at Greenville for the Greenville District, and at Anderson Tuesday, Greenwood, etc. At these conferences the local plans for securing pledges for the fund will be worked out.

The Laurens meeting was attended by Presiding Elders J. M. Steadman of Greenville, E. S. Jones of Spartanburg, J. R. T. Major of Rock Hill, R. E. Stackhouse of Columbia, Laurens G. Potter, of Gaffney, and J. W. Kilgo of Cokesbury. The Woman's Missionary Society of the conference was represented at the meeting by Mrs. Keaton of Spartanburg and Mrs. Childs of Greenville.

## WARE SHOALS FAMILY WIPED OUT BY INFLUENZA

### Parents and Two Children Contract Disease While Visiting in Green- wood. All Buried on the Same Day in this County.

Ben Willard, his wife and two children, Ruth and Lillie, aged two and four years, were all buried at the same hour in the Mt. Olive cemetery in this county Friday afternoon. The family were residents of Ware Shoals but had come from the Mt. Olive section of this county. While on a visit to relatives in Greenwood each in turn contracted influenza and died, the mother and two children dying Wednesday night and the father the following night.

## Victim of Influenza.

Lee Morheimer, a popular member of the glass blowers' colony here, died of influenza and pneumonia at the Julia Irby sanitarium Monday morning about 10 o'clock. He had been unwell for several days, but neither he nor his friends had felt much concern about his condition. The day before his death he was up and about his room, but toward evening became very ill. He was carried to the hospital about five o'clock and from then on steadily grew worse. The burial services will most probably be held at the Laurens cemetery this morning.

## A. H. Sanders Critically Ill.

Mr. A. H. Sanders, whose condition was critical all during yesterday, was in extremis last night and little hope was held out for his recovery. He had several convulsions during the evening, this detracting from his already weakened condition.

## NEW WARD ASKED OF CITY COUNCIL

### Residents of "Brooklyn" File Request.

## POLICE SALARIES ARE RAISED

### City Council Heard Committee of Citizens of Eastern Side of City at Its Regular Monthly Meeting Monday Night. Complaints Against Licenses Dismissed.

City Council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night heard a committee of citizens of the eastern side of the city who would have slices of Wards 3 and 4 cut off to form another ward known as Ward 7. P. P. McGowan, Esq., acted as spokesman for the committee, stating that the citizens of the district affected had no grievances to file except that this section of the city desired more representation. The section of the city asking for the new ward is what is generally known as "Brooklyn", lying east and south of the Laurens Mills village. Mr. McGowan stated that the committee simply desired the endorsement of the council in the matter as the creation of the new ward was in the hands of the general assembly. He requested that the council give its endorsement to the plan and appoint a committee to represent the city before the legislature. By a unanimous vote the request of the committee was granted and a committee composed of Mayor Babb, Alderman Bishop and Mr. McGowan was appointed to bring the matter before the legislature.

The bounds of the new ward, as described in the petition of the committee, would be as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east side of Little River on the southeast side of the corporate limits of the said City of Laurens and running up the east side of said river to the track of the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad and running up the center of the main line of said railroad track to the center of Pine street, eastward to Holmes street and along the center of said Holmes street northward to Fleming street and thence eastward along the center of said Fleming street to the eastern limits of the city of Laurens to the beginning point.

## Salaries Raised.

Chief of Police Blakely appeared before the council and stated that the members of the police force were finding it very difficult under the prevailing high prices to make ends meet. He said that the men were giving faithful service night and day and were desiring of a higher wage. Mayor Babb stated that several of them had considered resigning to accept better paying jobs elsewhere, but that he had prevailed upon them to remain until council could consider a raise. Upon motion of Alderman Hellams the policemen and city clerk were given a raise of \$10 each per month.

## Complaints as to Licenses.

Council dismissed several complaints and requests as to the new licenses. William Solomon, the jeweler, remonstrated against paying two licenses, one for jewelry and one for optical work, when his competitor in the optical line was not required to pay a license as a jeweler when he sold spectacle chains, etc. The complaint was dismissed. E. B. Machen made a request for a reduction in his license as a wholesale grocer as his volume of business was much smaller than

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## THIRTIETH COMING HOME SOON

### Report from Washington that South Carolina Troops in Thirtieth Division will Leave France this Month

Saturday's Charlotte Observer carried the following special dispatch from its Washington correspondent, H. E. C. Bryant:

Washington, Jan. 10.—The 30th division will sail from Brest between January 20 and 25 and will reach America in seven to 10 days, barring mishap.

While the war department is not ready to make official announcement, it is stated that the division will land at Hoboken, N. J., rather than Norfolk. The entire division will be rushed directly into various camps about New York, including Camp Dix, Camp Totten, and others about Governor's Island. The men will be kept in camp eight days or two weeks, under observation or quarantine, and will then be sent to one of the southern camps, pre-

sumably Camp Sevier or Camp Gordon and there will be mustered out. They will be given new clothing and back pay on leaving New York.

It will require a month to muster out each regiment and, as mustered out, the men will be given money equivalent to three cents per mile to their homes and a franked tag to send back their uniforms after three months. Eighty-four forms must be signed for each man, and this will necessitate time and delay in mustering out.

It is believed here that the Tennessee troops will go to Camp Sevier, though that is a tent camp and may not be able to accommodate them.

At debarkation points men are sent directly to camps for quarantine, and it would be impossible for a delegation to see them there.

## CITY AGAIN UNDER QUARANTINE

### Churches, Schools and Moving Picture House to be Closed Until Further Notice.

Taking under consideration the revival of a milder type than that prevailing in the early fall, but its effects are not inconsequential. The epidemic prevails among both races, though there are said to be more cases among the white people than among the negroes. Dr. J. M. Bearden, city health officer, stated yesterday that he estimated that there were about two hundred cases in the city and in the immediate vicinity. Many of the rural districts are also experiencing a revival of the epidemic, notably the districts around Fountain Inn.

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