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SUPPORT IS PLEDGED HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Sale of Bonds is Endorsed

MONEY NEEDED FOR ROADWORK

Mass Meeting of Citizens Monday Pledges Support to Highway Commission in its Endeavor to Dispose of \$100,000 of New Road Bonds.

With the county highway commission face to face with an empty treasury and the county's road work liable to be held up indefinitely, a mass meeting of citizens in the court house Monday afternoon gave its unqualified endorsement to the plan of the county commissioners to dispose of the \$100,000 bonds provided for at the last session of the legislature even though some sacrifice would have to be made in selling them in the present bond market. Geo. M. Wright, secretary of the highway commission, explained that very advantageous contracts had already been signed for the completion of the road from Clinton to Laurens, and that the saving on these contracts would be enough to offset any loss that might arise from the sale of the bonds at this time.

Mr. Wright reviewed the work of the highway commission and asked the meeting to help solve the pressing problem now before it. He said that the road from Princeton to Laurens had been completed with the exception of several bridges now under construction. The road from Kinards to Clinton had been completed and also the road from Cross Hill and Mountville to the vicinity of Cold Point. The road from Cold Point to Laurens, he said, was practically completed with the exception of the building of one bridge nearing completion and that this road would probably be completed this week. A mile of road had also been completed between Lanford and Enoree. The original \$300,000 derived from bonds, with a small amount of state aid, he said, had been expended and more funds were urgently needed to carry on the work. It was the especial desire of the commission, he said, to complete the road between Clinton and Laurens this summer but this would have to be given up unless more funds were provided.

Dr. H. K. Aiken and several others commended the ability and fidelity with which the commission had carried on its work and pledged their support in carrying on the work further.

The following resolutions, proposed by a committee appointed from the floor, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this citizens' meeting that the Laurens County Highway Commission, having secured very favorable contracts for the road work projected, is hereby requested to continue said work by assisting in the sale of bonds provided for that purpose to the best advantage, thereby saving the tax payers more by reason of holding the present contracts than will be lost by unavoidable discount on the bonds.

Mrs. Alva Hightower

Mrs. Alva Hightower, eldest daughter of Mr. T. R. Wolff, formerly of this county but now a resident of Anderson, died at her home in Anderson Saturday afternoon and was buried there the following day. Besides her parents and other relatives she is survived by her husband and an infant child. Mr. B. M. Wolff, of this city, an uncle of the deceased, was among those who attended the funeral.

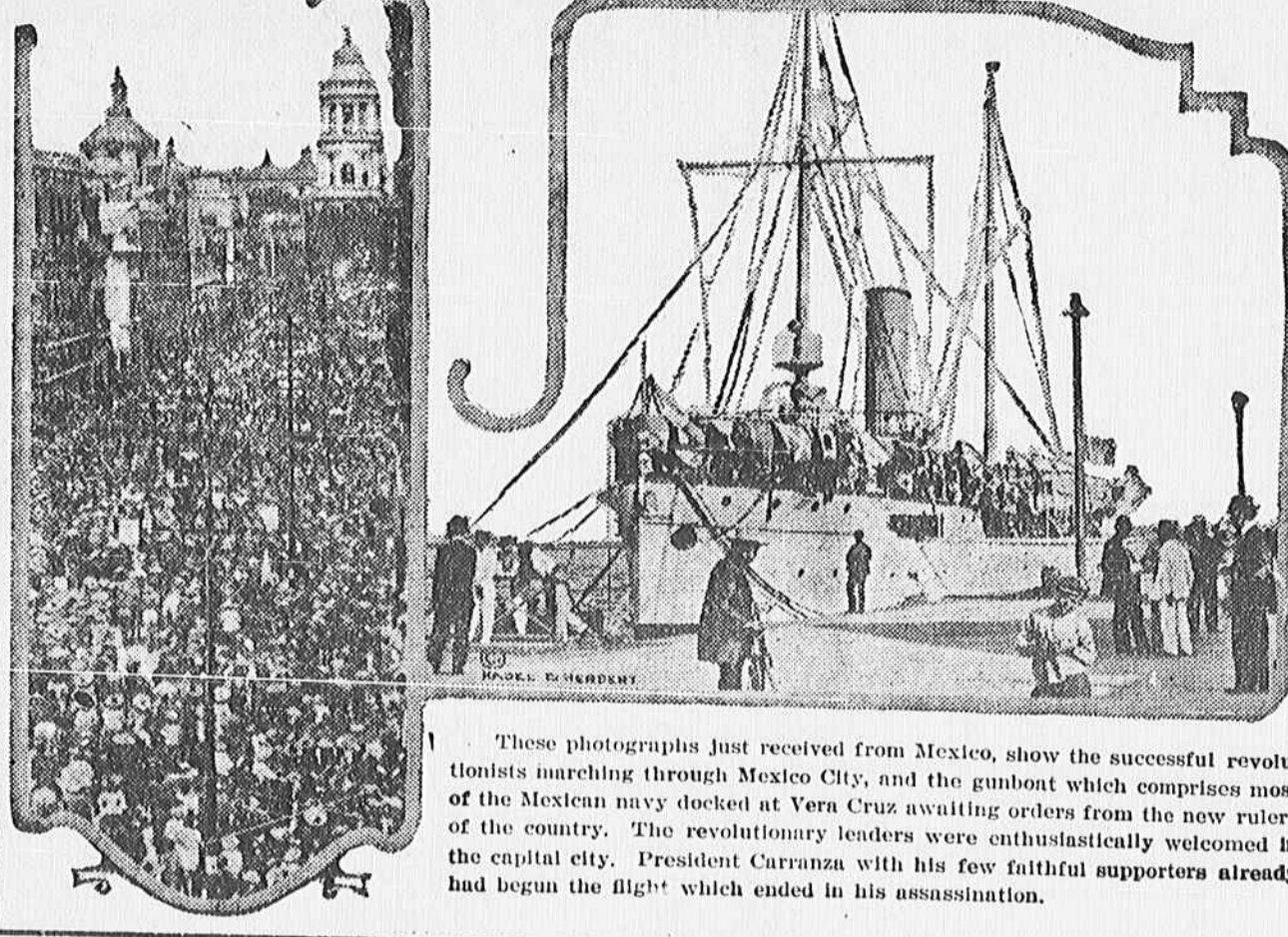
With Davis-Roper Company

Mr. F. C. Turner, of Gaffney, has accepted a position as manager of the dry goods department of the Davis-Roper Company and entered upon his duties there Monday morning. Mr. Martin has had a long business experience with large dry goods houses and comes to Laurens highly recommended.

Trades Display Here.

The Automobile Trades Display, sent out from Columbia, arrived in the city last night and will give exhibitions in Laurens today. A public meeting will be held this morning in the court house to which the public is invited.

First Photographs of Overthrow of Carranza



These photographs just received from Mexico, show the successful revolutionists marching through Mexico City, and the gumbot which comprises most of the Mexican navy docked at Vera Cruz awaiting orders from the new rulers of the country. The revolutionary leaders were enthusiastically welcomed in the capital city. President Carranza with his few faithful supporters already had begun the flight which ended in his assassination.

MASS MEETING SATURDAY

Speakers to Outline Plans of South Carolina Development Board.

A mass meeting of citizens of the city and county has been called for Saturday morning in the court house when the plan of the South Carolina Development Board will be outlined by speakers sent here from the central organization in Columbia. Among the speakers will be Sen. Neils Christensen, of Beaufort, and Hon. Jesse Boyd, of Spartanburg. Mr. Boyd is a native of this county and for several years has represented Spartanburg in the Legislature. A large crowd is expected to attend the meeting and assist in lining up Laurens in the organization.

Mr. A. C. Todd, who is acting chairman for this county, will preside over the meeting. Following the addresses a permanent organization for the county will be gone into.

Attended Legion Meeting.

Messrs. Carl Barksdale, W. R. Rich-ey, Jr., Phil D. Huff, Floyd Martin and B. R. T. Todd returned to the city last night after attending the annual state convention reiterated its previous position in Spartanburg yesterday. The convention reiterated its previous position on the bonus question, taking the position that it would leave the matter entirely in the hands of congress. It also went on record as opposing the idea of secession from the national organization as suggested from Columbia several weeks ago. Mr. Huff was appointed chairman of the state constitutional committee. Heyward Mahon, of Greenville, was elected state commander for the ensuing year.

Gypsy Smith Meeting.

Large crowds continue to attend the Gypsy Smith, Jr., revival services on the Graded School grounds and the evangelist is making a deep impression on his hearers. Sunday evening a collection was taken up to defray the actual expenses of the meeting, a total of approximately \$2,500 being contributed to this cause. On account of the large attendance, the committee in charge are arranging to have the tent enlarged some time this week.

Linen Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hicks celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their married life with a linen wedding at their home on Farley avenue Saturday evening. The house was tastefully decorated for the occasion and made a pretty appearance. During the evening a large number of guests called to congratulate them upon the happy occasion and many beautiful gifts were sent them by friends and relatives here and elsewhere. During the evening delicious refreshments were served.

Mr. S. Van Sant, who left this county about forty years ago and has since made his home in Oklahoma, has been visiting Mr. Wright Sims and other relatives in the county for the past week.

JEWELRY THEFT BASIS FOR PLAY

Discovery Reenacted for Detectives at Caruso Home. Thieves Not Found. Robbers Who Made Getaway with Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Haul Still Free.

Easthampton, N. Y., June 10.—The discovery of the theft of \$500,000 worth of jewels from the country home of Enrico Caruso was reenacted today for the benefit of the score of detectives who are trying to solve the mystery.

Mrs. Caruso, her sister-in-law and the servants acted and spoke, so far as they could remember, just as they did last Tuesday night after the ringing of a burglar alarm led to the revelation that the jewels had disappeared.

The characters in the melodrama were even dressed as they were Tuesday night. The rising of the curtain reveals Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Park Benjamin, Jr., in the sitting room. Mrs. Caruso's maid is upstairs. George Fitzgerald, the chauffeur, out in the driveway leading to the house.

A detective sets off the burglar alarm in the jewel casket in Mrs. Caruso's boudoir.

Mrs. Caruso and Mrs. Benjamin start upstairs, then hesitate, thinking the burglars may be around the house. Mrs. Caruso tries to telephone to the gate house to warn Fitzgerald. There is no answer. Fitzgerald rushes into the room.

"I heard that bell," he cries. "What touched that box?"

"Heavens!" cries Mrs. Caruso. "My jewels!"

Fitzgerald draws a revolver, runs out and fires two shots in the air. Mrs. Caruso follows. Her maid hurries out and faints in the arms of her mistress.

Fitzgerald runs to the spot in the driveway where he finds the empty jewel case.

Curtain.

Fitzgerald, in tears, told detectives today that while he knew they suspected him, he would not have robbed a good employer as Caruso, who paid him \$180 a month, besides keeping himself and family. The tenor gave him \$50 to play poker with when he left for Habana recently, he said.

He suggested a new clue to detectives by mentioning that shortly after the tenor's departure a man in a French uniform, accompanied by a woman, attempted to see Mrs. Caruso.

Joins Banking Force

Mr. A. Eugene Power, son of Mr. C. A. Power, who was among the graduates of Furman University this year, has joined the banking force at the Laurens National Bank and is now counting out the money, marking up the deposits, and keeping down the overdrafts.

Preaching at Gray Court

Rev. T. C. Squires will preach at Dorroh Presbyterian church, Gray Court, next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

OUT FOR U. S. SENATE.

Hon. W. C. Irby States That He Will Enter Race for U. S. Senate This Year.

Hon. W. C. Irby, for ten years a representative from this county in the legislature and at one time a candidate for governor of the state, has definitely stated that he will be in the race this year for the United States senate to succeed Senator E. D. Smith, whose term expires next March. It is understood that Mr. Irby, in his campaign, will stress the need of governmental aid to farmers in the storage and sale of their products.

Mrs. Maude Babb.

Mrs. Maude Richardson Babb, wife of Clarence M. Babb, former mayor of Laurens, died Friday afternoon at the family home on South Harper street after an illness of three or four days duration. It was not generally known that Mrs. Babb was sick and the announcement of her sudden death late in the afternoon came as a great shock to her friends and family.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Laurens cemetery.

The deceased, before her marriage to Mr. Babb about 25 years ago, was Miss Maude Richardson, the stepdaughter of H. Terry, a well known merchant of Laurens. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Babb is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. S. Perry, wife of the manager of the Laurens Hotel, and Miss Elise Babb, a teacher in the public schools, and two sons, Clarence and Richard Babb. J. Nathan Richardson is a surviving brother of the deceased.

Mrs. Babb was a consistent member of the First Methodist church and she was identified with different church and civic organizations in which capacity she was always a valued worker.

Mr. Elizabeth C. Murphy

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Murphy, wife of the late A. M. Murphy, and eldest daughter of C. R. and Isabella Rowland, died at her home June 9, 1920, after a few days illness. She was in her eighty-third year. Funeral services were held at Rocky Springs Church, where she had been a devoted member for sixty-five years. She is survived by two children, C. T. Murphy and Mrs. W. T. Senn, and three sisters, Mrs. Maggie I. Ramage and Mrs. Melissa O. Ferguson, of Bingen, Ark., and Mrs. Rosa Frauks, of Greer, S. C.

Strike at Laundry

The washmen and washwomen at the Laurens Steam Laundry went out on strike yesterday morning after an agitation which has been going on for several days. The strike was for higher wages. Mr. W. S. McDaniel, proprietor, leaves this morning for Greenville to get additional help to take the place of the strikers and expects to resume operations in a few days.

CORONER'S PROBE

REVEALS LITTLE

Hearing in the Joe Stewart Lynching Case Brings Out No New Clues

The coroner's inquest into the lynching of Joe Stewart on the South Harper street bridge which occurred on the night of April 1st, was completed at a session held in the court house Monday morning without any new light being added to that already secured at the first sitting held the day after the act. Fifteen witnesses were heard, including four or five negroes, but no tangible clues were developed. Solicitor Blackwell, who conducted the hearing for the state, held reports from detectives on the case but witnesses mentioned in these reports were only able to repeat rumors which have been current on the streets. Fess Young, one of the negro witnesses, testified that he had received a letter from unknown parties warning him against telling anything he knew of the case and this letter was introduced as evidence. If Fess knew anything of value he failed to tell it.

The hearing was conducted by Coroner R. R. Owings and W. P. Thomson acted as foreman of the jury. The verdict was that Joe Stewart came to his death by unknown parties.

Stewart was taken from the city lockup late at night April 1, and hanged to a river bridge in the corporate limits of the city. He had previously had a fight with a party of young white boys, three of whom were slashed with a knife wielded by Stewart, when he in turn was badly cut about the neck and body with a sharp instrument used by the boys. It was alleged. The affair caused an immediate investigation and was roundly condemned by citizens of Laurens.

Death of Mrs. Julia Garrett.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. W. L. Garrett Wednesday morning, June 9th, and took his loving and faithful wife, Mrs. Julia Garrett, home to be with God. "Aunt Julia" had been in declining health for six months. Her life of 71 years was spent in loving ministrations to her friends, neighbors and loved ones, trying to serve her Heavenly Father. By her many good traits of character, she endeared herself to a large circle of friends. Before marriage she was Miss Julia Putnam, daughter of the late Nimrod Putnam, she being the last child, while nine others preceded her to the grave.

Unto her were born eight children, four of whom are living: Mrs. W. C. Holcombe, of Easley; Mrs. J. D. Williams, Mrs. Lida Howard and E. H. Garrett, of Gray Court; and Mrs. Lella Holcombe, of Texas. Also ten grand children and a host of friends mourn her loss. She was born and reared in Laurens county, and was a faithful member of Warrior Creek church since childhood.

Her remains were laid to rest Thursday in the church yard, the funeral being conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. M. Sexton, of Ora. Her absence will be missed in the home and community and by all who knew her. She was gentle, loving and kind, was always ready and willing to do her part in time of need.

The casket was covered with many beautiful flowers, the tribute of friends and loved ones.

Entertain for Sister.

A social event of last week was the party which Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bramlett gave at their home on Sullivan street in honor of their sister, Miss Holcombe. The porch, hall and sitting room were fragrant with sweet pea and roses. The guests were met by Mrs. Bramlett and Mrs. Arthur Taylor and invited into the sitting room. After several games of rook a guessing contest was enjoyed, first prize in this going to Miss Oniva Riddell. At a late hour a delicious feed course was served. Music was furnished throughout the evening by the Victrola.

Court Convenes Monday.

The summer term of the court of general sessions will convene next Monday morning. Judge Frank B. Gary, of Abbeville, will preside. While the summer term is generally cut as short as possible, Solicitor Blackwell states that he will endeavor to dispose of all jail cases and the Burdette case remanded for a third trial.

WARREN G. HARDING REPUBLICAN NOMINEE

Ohio Senator Breaks the Deadlock

OLD FAVORITES FORCED OUT

After a Deadlock Which Lasted for Nine Ballots, Ohio Senator Makes Sensational Gain and Wins Republican Nomination. Old Line Republicans.

Chicago, June 12.—Warren G. Harding, United States senator from Ohio, was nominated for the presidency today by the Republican national convention after a deadlock which lasted for nine ballots and which finally forced out of the running all of the original favorites.

As his running mate the convention named Governor Calvin Coolidge, of Massachusetts, upsetting a plan of a combination of the Harding backers to nominate for the place Senator Irvine L. Lenroot, of Wisconsin.

The collapse of the forces of Gov. Frank O. Lowden and their transfer in a large part to Senator Harding put the Ohio candidate over.

General Wood lost heavily, however, when the Harding drift began, and Senator Johnson, the third of the trio of leaders, on the early balloting yesterday, also went steadily down hill.

Entering the convention four days ago as a candidate distinctly of the "dark horse" class, Senator Harding got only sixty-four votes on the first ballot yesterday and in the second he dropped to 56.

When the convention adjourned last night at the end of the fourth ballot he had 61.

In all-night conferences among the party chiefs, he was mentioned many times as the most likely to break the nomination deadlock should neither Wood, Lowden or Johnson take a commanding lead today. They all failed to do so, Wood and Lowden running a neck and neck race for leadership on four more ballots while the strength of the California candidate dwindled steadily.

Meantime Harding pushed his total to 133, individual delegates from many states swinging to him from the columns of the leaders and of various favorite sons. The Johnson managers, fearing a landslide was impending, then made a last play to save the fortunes of their candidate. They moved to recess for a couple of hours in order to take an inventory and seek a new combination. The Wood and Lowden forces, both virtually at the peak of their strength, but both disheartened at the long string of ballots without material gains, fell in with the recess plan, and the convention adopted it.

In the dramatic succession of conferences that followed the fate of the candidates virtually was sealed. Some of the Wood and Lowden managers tried ineffectually for an agreement which would hold their delegates in line and kill off the Harding boom. Some tried to get a Wood-Lowden-Johnson agreement to adjourn until Monday without making a nomination. There also was a conference between Johnson and Harding supporters in which the Ohioan's supporters tried without success to have the remaining Johnson strength swung to Harding.

It was the parleys between the Harding-Lowden men, however, which apparently bore the most fruit when the balloting began again, for Gov. Lowden came to the convention during the ninth roll call, and, reversing a previous plan to go before the convention itself, issued instructions from behind the scenes releasing his instructed delegates. Senator Harding also was in the rear of the coliseum platform during the voting and conferred with Chairman Hays.

At last as soon as the alphabetical call of states began after the recess, the ground-swell for Harding demonstrated that it could not be forestalled. Connecticut, when her name was called, took 13 of 14 votes from Lowden and gave them to Harding. In Florida he got from Wood, and then Kentucky, almost from the first a

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