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OFFICIAL COUNT IN FIRST PRIMARY

Last Boxes Caused No Changes in Results

SENATE RACE PROVED CLOSE

Returns from Two Boxes Not Reported in the Last Issue of The Advertiser Made no Change in the Standing of Candidates. Second Primary Next Tuesday.

The official count of Laurens county votes made by the Executive Committee Thursday made no changes in the standing of candidates as published by The Advertiser the morning after the election last Tuesday. Errors in the tabulated votes as compiled Tuesday night were comparatively few and not sufficient to justify the publication of the table a second time.

The race for second place in the state senatorial contest proved to be the close race in the county. Before the last box, Gray's Store, was heard from, only two votes separated O. P. Goodwin and Phil D. Huff, contesting for second place on the ticket and the right to run over with Jack H. Davis, the leading candidate. The Gray's Store box, however, proved a strong Goodwin box and Mr. Huff was definitely eliminated from the race. Mr. Goodwin had a lead of 28 votes on the final count. Thursday morning Mr. Huff stated that he had lost over thirty votes through the failure of that many glass blowers in the Laurens city box to mark their ballots correctly. These ballots were thrown out by the election managers and brought Mr. Huff's total vote to a lesser number than Mr. Goodwin's. It appears that these voters in the state they came from had been accustomed to making a check mark opposite the name of the candidate whom they wished to vote for instead of scratching out those they did not wish to vote for and followed this plan in the local election.

On the county ticket, J. J. McSwain was elected congressman over Traxler, Hill and Wilson. Blackwell and Moore will run over for solicitor. Jack H. Davis and O. P. Goodwin will make the second race for the state senate. Carroll D. Nance, of Cross Hill, and C. M. Babb of Laurens, were elected to the lower house of the General Assembly on the first ballot. Dillard and Willis will make the second race for the third place. B. R. Todd having withdrawn from the race. Reid and Smith will make the second race for sheriff, while Franks and Power will make the second race for clerk of court. R. R. Owings was elected coroner and A. B. Blakely and A. Homer Moore were elected county commissioners.

The following was the official vote cast for state and county officers:

State Offices.	
For United States Senate	
W. C. Irby	1379
W. P. Pollock	387
E. D. Smith	1197
George Warren	564
For Governor.	
Robert A. Cooper	3509
For Lieutenant Governor.	
Octavus Cohen	502
Wilson G. Harvey	1352
Oscar K. Mauldin	1687
For Secretary of State.	
W. Banks Dove	3551
For Attorney General.	
Samuel M. Wolfe	3527
For Comptroller General.	
Walter E. Duncan	3364
For State Treasurer.	
Samuel T. Carter	3552
For State Supt. of Education.	
John E. Swearingen	3561
For Adjutant and Inspector General of South Carolina.	
Atticus H. Marchant	963
Wm. W. Moore	2583
For Commissioner of Agriculture.	
B. Harris	3538
For Railroad Commissioner.	
D. M. McCaskill	623
R. L. Moss	272
Frank W. Smith	1485
D. L. Smith	1151
County Offices.	
For Congress.	
A. E. Hill	955
John J. McSwain	1796
David B. Traxler	574
Jack H. Wilson	122

WOMEN RUSH TO REGISTER

Large Number of Women Appear Before the Registration Board to Qualify for the Ballot.

The sittings of the county registration board during the past two days have been the most active in their official career, according to authorities on the subject, the board having had two busy days with women coming to qualify for the first time to vote in the general elections. The first woman to register in the county was Mrs. Dorcas Calmes Cooper, wife of Governor Robert A. Cooper, who has been spending several days in the city with relatives. No ceremony attended the signing.

Up until yesterday afternoon most of the women who registered were from the city of Laurens, though there have been scattering registrations from the rural districts.

The registration books will be open until thirty days prior to the general election in November, the board being in session from 8 a. m. until 4 p. m.

DR. R. E. HUGHES WRITES OF CITY WATER

No Reason to be Alarmed Over Reports of Impurities, He Says. Slight Contaminations Common to Surface Water.

Following rumors which have been going over the city during the past few days in regard to the condition of the city water, Dr. R. E. Hughes, chairman of the board of health, called a meeting of the board yesterday to discuss the matter. All of the members were not present, but the attendance was representative of the board. Following the meeting, Dr. Hughes addressed the following letter to The Advertiser which is self-explanatory:

The Board of Health met today to discuss the quality of the city water as some discussion has arisen as to its purity.

The State chemist reports water as slightly contaminated with the colon bacilli, as most surface waters in every city are at this season. The water here has been like this many times before. It is being treated according to methods adopted by U. S. public health service. The reservoir has been thoroughly cleaned, the water shed inspected and there is no reason for alarm. We are daily expecting it to clear entirely when drier weather sets in.

We have no epidemic and while this bacilli can cause trouble, it does not always, and has not so far. However, anyone who prefer the safe side could easily boil the drinking water. The Board of Health feels they are due the people this explanation and will watch close and warn in ample time.

ROLFE E. HUGHES.

MAGISTRATES SELECTED.

All Magistrates of the County Elected Except at Waterloo Where a Second Race Must Be Run.

With the exception of the magistrate at Waterloo, all magisterial places in the county were filled in the first election. In that township the second race will be between W. W. Campbell and J. Frank Walker. W. L. Cooper was the other contender. Only two other magistrates had opposition, R. R. Milam defeating R. T. Richbourg in Clinton and Geo. T. Cook defeating T. W. Cannady in Youngs. With the exception of the magistrate at Waterloo, who will be elected next Tuesday, the following were elected last Tuesday.

Laurens, J. N. Wright.
Dials, P. M. Hellams.
Sullivan, N. B. Wood.
Cross Hill, W. B. Fuller.
Mountville, M. W. Workman.
Clinton, R. R. Milam.
Jacks, J. C. McMillan.
Seuffletown, J. Wess Bonnan.
Youngs, G. T. Cook.

TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

The yearly subscription price to The Advertiser is \$2.00. Teachers and Students who desire the paper to follow them will be given a special rate of \$1.00 for the entire year or for any part of the year in excess of 6 months. Students are requested to enter their subscriptions before leaving for college in order to save confusion.

AUDITOR MAKES REPORT ON CITY

Certified Accountant Makes Report on City Finances at Beginning of the Present Administration.

Below will be found the report of the auditor engaged by the present city council to audit the books of the city as they were when the past administration went out of office. The report is self-explanatory except as to the reference to the confidential report on J. R. Workman, former city clerk. This report showed a discrepancy in the accounts of Mr. Workman of about \$1,000. Mr. Workman intimated some time ago that some discrepancy might exist, though he did not expect this much, and during the first part of this week made a settlement in the shape of bankable paper with the present officials. Mr. Workman, so it is learned from city officials, made no effort to evade responsibility for the discrepancy and there is no evidence from the books that he attempted to cover up anything.

The report, first giving the accountant's introduction and recommendations, is as follows:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Laurens, South Carolina, Gentlemen:

Pursuant to instructions from the Honorable Mayor, I have examined the books and records of the City for the period of two years, commencing May 1, 1918 to April 30, 1920 and beg to submit herewith schedules and statements bearing on the operation for the period and a balance sheet showing the condition of the City's finances as of April 30, 1920.

Assets

Current—
The cash amounting to \$258.48 on hand represents actual cash. The balance in bank amounting to \$865.23 has been agreed with the bank statement. The ledger accounts receivable amounting to \$2,557.21 represent old unpaid accounts for paying assessments, materials, etc., and are of dubious quality.

The unpaid taxes amounting to \$1,255.77 should be pressed until collected or otherwise disposed of.

The inventory of Equipment and supplies amounting to \$21,224.21 are made up from actual inventory taken by the heads of the various departments and that they are consecutively made and this can be verified by referring to the detailed statements submitted.

Permanent Investment—
Under this title are grouped all the permanent investment and the permanent improvement properties, the combined total of these amount to \$284,009.87 and all of these with the exception of the water works plant if we were to consider its value on the basis of replacement would probably be considered worth about \$200,000.00, so on this basis a value was placed on plant at \$150,000.00.

A physical inspection of the plant was made and while the buildings were not of recent construction, however, they were of extremely solid construction and in good condition and the machinery including boilers, pumps, etc., due to careful, efficient handling and method of upkeep and repair are capable of sustaining all requirements within their capacities.

The plant in itself is small, however,

is remarkably well kept, all repairs that have been made have been of a substantial nature and with strict regard to careful workmanship.

All machinery has been safeguarded against obsolescence by careful attention to the necessary measures of prevention.

In addition to this all parts of the building are kept scrupulously clean and with strict regard to the prevention of fires and accidents all of which reflects very favorably upon your superintendent, Mr. J. E. Philpot.

Liabilities.

Current—
The current liabilities amounting to \$49,385.55 represent notes and actual bills as taken from files and interest due on bonds.

Bonded Debt:
There is now due and should be placed in the sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds, the amount of approximately \$26,889.17 and arrangements should be made whereby this money should be set aside for this purpose.

Surplus—
The surplus or excess over liabilities amounts to \$189,478.43 but it must be borne in mind that this is represented in fixed or non liquid assets and in order to provide the town with sufficient money it is necessary to issue bonds or increase the tax levy, as the present income of the town is inadequate to take care of the obligations.

The total revenue from all sources for the period amounts to \$184,699.56, while the expenses amount to \$185,576.79.

The water and light plant is not self-sustaining and it will be necessary to increase the rates on these commodities as it would be useless to try to cut down the expenses in this direction.

Police Pocket:
On page 36 to 38 will be found a record of fines that were refunded and those of which no disposition was made and while the majority of these are for small amounts however, there are some which are of such magnitude as requiring some explanation as to why these were disposed of in this manner.

Books and Records—
Submitted with this is a confidential report dealing with the work of J. R. Workman.

The work of Stanley Crews, has been handicapped by following the lines as laid down by his predecessors, which naturally means the carrying on the book-keeping system that has been in force, and which each auditor preceding the writer has commented on and criticized and while his work under these conditions has been commendable, however, it would be to the city's advantage if a more concise and efficient accounting system be installed in lieu of the present one.

In conclusion, I wish to express appreciation to your body and all the City's employees whom I have had occasion to call upon for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully yours,
W. S. SWEENEY.

BALANCE SHEET City of Laurens April 30, 1920.

ASSETS	
Current—	
Cash	\$ 258.48
Enterprise National Bank	864.23
Accounts Receivable:	
Ledger, Accounts	2,557.21
Unpaid Taxes	1,255.77
Unpaid Water Account	32.25
Unpaid Light Account	69.10
Equipment and Supplies—	
Inventory Power Plant	3,276.24
Inventory Street Department	14,326.00
Inventory Fire Department	13,275.00
Office Furniture and Fixtures	347.00
Permanent Investment—	
City Hall and Furniture	9,707.70
Water Works Plant	150,000.00
Sewerage System	32,647.16
Real Estate	5,191.00
Street Paving	61,657.21
Curbing and Bridges	21,737.80
Total	\$320,253.15
LIABILITIES	
Current—	
Notes Payable	\$ 30,753.02
Accounts Payable	3,632.53
Interest Accrued	1,500.00
Due on Sinking Fund	\$ 35,885.55
Bonded Debt	26,889.17
Less Sinking Fund	73,500.00
Less Sinking Fund	5,500.00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	189,478.43
Total	\$320,253.15

GIVES SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIMARY

F. P. McGowan, Esq., Makes Valuable Suggestions to Voters and Managers on Primary Laws.

Mr. F. P. McGowan, a member of the County Executive Committee of the Democratic party and who acted as chairman of the committee when the votes were tabulated by the committee Thursday, has issued a statement to voters and managers making clearer the laws of the state as to elections. It has been commonly reported that minor infractions of the law were made at some boxes in the last primary, due to misunderstanding of the regulations and the suggestions of Mr. McGowan will be valuable to voters and managers in the next primary. His statement follows:

"As a member of the county executive committee I take this opportunity to make some suggestions in the management of the coming primary election for the Democratic party.

In the first place, no one has a right to vote unless his name was placed upon the Democratic club roll of the precinct on or before the last Tuesday in July before the first election. If the managers do not find his name enrolled, they must reject the application for a ballot to vote.

In the second place the ballots must be filled out by the voters in the booths before they are deposited in the boxes. This requirement does not apply to a precinct having less than fifty voters enrolled. The law of our State guarantees to the voter secrecy of his ballot and the provision for the filling out of tickets in the booths is to preserve the secrecy of the ballot and to prevent undue influence over the individual voter. The managers should be careful to see that this requirement is carried out on the day of the election. If a man cannot read, he should ask the managers to allow him an assistant to go into the booth with him together with one of the managers and in the booth the assistant fills out the ticket as directed by the voter in the presence of the manager. The ticket is then presented by the voter to the managers, who detach the stub and deposit the ticket in the right box. The managers should be careful to see that the voters place the tickets in the right boxes. If a ballot is placed in the wrong box it will be rejected and the voter will lose his vote.

In case of fraud in the conduct of a voting precinct, the whole box will be rejected and the candidates will lose their vote at said box, but in case of one or more illegal or irregular votes being cast, the county executive committee would probably upon a protest and contest from some candidate being made purge the said box of the said votes by throwing out at random votes equal in number to the said votes. Thus you see that such a procedure would injure some candidate in the final count of the votes, and might change the result of the election. The voter should be careful to run his pencil through names he does not wish to vote for.

The managers should write the voting precinct on the returns when they fill them out and the figures should be plainly written so as to avoid mistake of the figures. The tabulating lists should accompany the return so the executive committee can see if there has been any error in counting the votes.

The rules of the party are designed to secure a fair election and correct count of all legal votes. To this end we should all strive.

F. P. MCGOWAN,
Member Executive Committee,
Sept. 6th, 1920.

Base Ball at Owings.

The Gray Court-Owings and Liberty ball teams are to play on the Owings grounds Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. As this will be the last game of the season, a large crowd is expected.

Wednesday Club.

The Wednesday Club is called to meet Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock with Mrs. B. L. Jones.

SECOND PRIMARY RETURNS.
The Advertiser will give election returns again next Tuesday night. All those who were kind enough to telephone returns last Tuesday are requested to do so again next Tuesday.

SMITH AND WARREN IN SECOND RACE

Second Primary to Be Held Next Tuesday.

116,000 VOTES
CAST TUESDAY

Returns of State Election were Slow in Coming in but Early Predictions that Smith and Warren Would Make Second Race for U. S. Senate Borne Out.

State, Sept. 7.

Complete and official returns from last Tuesday's Democratic primary received and tabulated by H. N. Edmunds, secretary of the state Democratic executive committee, show no material changes from the figures announced last Wednesday and Thursday. The last of the official lists was received by Mr. Edmunds yesterday and his tabulation last night shows a second race between Smith and Warren for the United States senate; between Harvey and Mauldin for lieutenant governor and between Sleafly and Smith for railroad commissioner.

The senate vote as compiled from the official list by Mr. Edmunds is distributed as follows: Irby, 8,154; Pollock, 15,678; Smith, 57,428 and Warren 36,317. These totals show Senator Smith's opponents as having 60,449 or 3,026 votes above those received by the senator. To have nominated on the first ballot it would have been necessary for Senator Smith to have received 58,937 votes of the 117,872 cast. He lacked 1,514 of receiving this number. The state committee meets at the State House at noon today and will canvass the votes and declare the results. It is unlikely that any changes will be made in the tabulation of Secretary Edmunds.

One county is missing from the official list of the other contested offices, except for lieutenant governor, but this will not make any changes in the results to be announced today. The compilation shows Cohen 18,578; Harvey, 54,273 and Mauldin, 46,283. A second primary will be necessary to determine the winner. All counties have reported on this race.

Probably the most decisive result of the primary was W. W. Moore's victory over A. H. Marchant of Orangeburg. The result shows Marchant 38,298 and Moore 78,964, with only the official count from Colleton missing.

For railroad commissioner Sleafly led the ticket with 50,166 and the other candidates came as follows: McCaskill 19,557, Moez 10,259 and Smith 38,489. Sleafly and Smith enter the second primary.

For the uncontested offices one or two counties are missing in the final for each candidate. Governor Cooper received 115,731 with the reports from Cherokee and Colleton still out. B. Harris for commissioner of agriculture received 115,656. John E. Swearingen received 116,211 for superintendent of education.

Other state officers received the following votes with only one or two counties missing: Dove 114,333, Wolfe 116,439, Luncan 116,977 and Carter 116,657.

Mr. Edmunds had not tabulated the vote for congressmen and solicitors last night, but will probably compile these figures early this morning for the committee meeting at noon. There will probably be no second races for congress while only one or two second races will be necessary for solicitorships.

Wins Winthrop Scholarship.

The friends of Miss Mattie Sue Wofford, daughter of Mr. John A. Wofford, of Maddens Station, will be glad to learn that she has recently been awarded a state scholarship to Winthrop College. Miss Wofford won this scholarship in a competitive examination, open to girls throughout the whole state, and she is being congratulated upon the marks which gave her first place. Miss Wofford is a Sophomore at Winthrop.

First Cotton Bale.

Mr. E. F. Coggans, who lives a few miles from the city, brought the first cotton bale of the season to the city yesterday morning. He did not find a satisfactory market for it, so he carried it home with him.