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REPUBLICANS FLOP TO DEMOCRATS

One Hundred Leaders Issue Statement

STAND FIRMLY FOR THE LEAGUE

Republicans and Progressives for League and Democrats. Over One Hundred Leaders Issue Statement, Hamilton Holt and Others Prominent in Opposition Party Councils Call for Support of Cox and Roosevelt.

New York, Oct. 17.—A joint statement by "over one hundred representative men and women who have usually supported the Republican or Progressive tickets" announcing their intention to vote for Cox and Roosevelt and those senatorial candidates "who stand honestly and frankly for ratification of the treaty and adherence to the league" was made public here tonight by Hamilton Holt, magazine editor.

This statement set forth that "it is now too late to talk of a new 'association of nations' to be created under Republican auspices and, repudiating the present Republican leadership that 'has permitted the Republican party to become a 'Little America' party,' urged all Republicans and Progressives to 'put patriotism above party' and add their names to the list of signers.

Former Party Leaders.
This list, according to Mr. Holt, is increasing daily. An analysis is given out with the statement said that it included 15 Republican officers of the League to Enforce Peace, clergymen, representing all the principal denominations, the presidents of Oberlin, Vassar, Smith, Bryn Mawr and Mount Holyoke colleges, several veterans of the great war and nine former Republican or Progressive party managers and officeholders. In the last classification were listed Charles P. Howland of New York, Violet M. LeRoy of New York, Theodore Marburg of Baltimore, V. H. Nichols of Bennington, Vt., Herbert Parsons of New York, Elias D. Salisbury of Indianapolis, Edwin E. Sloan of New York, Richard Wellman of New York and Alice White of Wellesley, Mass.

The statement declared that the Republican party is "drifting toward national isolation" and had repudiated political traditions under which the signers had been reared—traditions emphasizing the international responsibilities of America, from Lincoln to Taft.

Asserting that they held no brief for the present administration and did not insist "on any particular wording of resolutions to any articles of the treaty," the signers set forth that they did not desire that "a cause which should have served to unite all parties in the same spirit of common service which won the great war, should be made a basis of party difference in the present campaign."

"Such Republican statesmen as Andrew D. White, Joseph M. Choate and Elihu Root labored for the development of international law and for the organization of the world through the two Hague conferences," read the statement. "We would continue in the path they indicated."

The statement then cited as proof that "national isolation has never been a Republican watchword," President McKinley's attitude toward China; Theodore Roosevelt's intervention in the Russo-Japanese war; the work of William Howard Taft for the league of nations; the presidential candidacy of Charles E. Hughes "as a protest against what he thought at that time was the indifference of the administration" to our international responsibilities, and Republican approval of abandonment by President Wilson "of his party's historic policy of narrow nationalism to advocate a league of nations."

"True Republican statesmanship would have welcomed and supported the covenant," continued the statement. "It would have seen in the league that one practicable means of restoring and increasing the authority of international law and its agencies designed ultimately to supplant war."

Declaring that "during the late war every one agreed that it was imperative to adopt some measures to pre-

WILL HOLD COTTON MEETINGS

Meetings to be Held Thursday and Friday of This Week. Big Attendance Desired.

Meetings in the interest of the cotton corporation are being arranged throughout the county for this week and next week, at which it is expected that Laurens' quota of 2,511 bales of cotton or their equivalent will be subscribed. Meetings have already been held at Hopewell and Mountville, at which several hundred bales were subscribed, in addition to about a hundred bales subscribed at the meeting in Laurens Saturday afternoon. Mr. C. A. Power, chairman of the county, has asked that the committees previously announced hold meetings in their respective communities and make an active effort to raise the desired quota. These committees, published again below, are expected to appoint sub-committees in order that no one may be overlooked. Those who are without subscription blanks are requested to secure them from Mr. Power.

Meetings for Thursday night of this week are to be held at Gray Court, Lanford and Hickory Tavern.

Meetings for Friday night are to be held at Eden, Mt. Bethel and Ekom.

The following are the township committees who are expected to thoroughly organize and canvass their townships:

Laurens—Dr. W. H. Dial, J. L. M. Iby, G. H. Holt.
Yongs—J. W. Lanford, S. D. Martin, J. B. Cook.
Dials—L. A. Armstrong, R. O. Hunt, W. W. Yeargin.
Sullivan—N. B. Wood, J. Frank Davis, J. M. Sumerel.
Waterloo—W. L. Cooper, G. M. Moore, J. C. Smith.
Cross Hill—T. M. Pinson, C. D. Nance, W. S. Achison.
Hunter—J. M. Simmons, C. R. Workman, Chaney W. Stone.
Jacks—T. R. Johnson, B. F. Copeland, J. M. Hatton.
Scuffletown—W. D. Boyd, J. S. Craig, D. A. Glenn.

Women Solicit Dollars

Acting on a request from Mrs. R. A. Cooper, wife of the state's governor, a committee of women has begun a canvass of the city and county for money to support election of Gov. Cox as president to succeed Woodrow Wilson. Already a tidy sum has been raised, but the women are going at it stronger every day. Those desiring to contribute, whether in the city or elsewhere in the county, may send their contributions to Mrs. R. H. Roper or Miss Ethel Langston.

Cotton More Active

The New York and New Orleans cotton markets showed signs of more activity upward yesterday, futures advancing around 100 points. The local spot market was from 19 to 19-2 cents. Considerable cotton is being sold, but most of it is being stored or carried back home.

vent its recurrence," the statement continued.

"The question confronting America is whether we shall accept the existing league or insist upon a new international agreement having the same object."

Dismissing the thought of a new "association of nations," the statement said: "The proposal to ask 43 member nations to 'scrap' the existing league enter another peace conference and agree on some undefined experiment can no longer be taken seriously."

The statement then reviewed the work already under way of various league agencies and said:

"We want our country to stand first in the councils of nations. We want our country to share fully in the great decisions which are shaping the future of the world. We can not endorse Senator Harding's policy of 'America last.'"

In closing, the statement said:

"In the absence of definite assurances that the Republican candidates will use their full influence to bring the United States into the league with such reservations as may be acceptable to the American people we urge all Republicans and Progressives who put patriotism above party to join with us in working and voting for James M. Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt and for those senatorial candidates who stand honestly and frankly for ratification of the treaty and adherence to the league."

LAURENS BULLDOGS WALLOP ANDERSON ELECTRICIANS

Local Team Shows Great Improvement. Anderson "HP" Defeated by Locals 35 to 7.

In a well played game on the local field last Friday, the Laurens High School eleven played the Anderson eleven off their feet and kicked their opponents 35 to 7. The first half of the game was a real fight, the result at the end of that time being a tie, 7 to 7. But with the beginning of the third quarter the Laurens lads caught their second wind and went into the game determined to win. Before the final whistle had blown they had scored five touchdowns, although the last one was not counted on account of a technicality. At no time during the game was the Laurens goal in danger and the lone touchdown made by the visitors was somewhat the result of a fluke.

Charles Barksdale, at left end, was the shining star for the home team. This boy caught and intercepted forward passes, tackled well, and made two touchdowns. The entire backfield advanced the ball easily and were seldom stopped. This quartet is composed of Albright, the little quarterback who worked his team like a veteran, Mr. Glenn, Bishop, and Woodside. Mr. Glenn did some of the prettiest sidestepping ever seen on the field, while Bishop's line buck was a feature. Another boy who played excellent ball, as he always does, was Cecil Brown at center. He is a tower of strength on the defensive and fights throughout the entire game. But every man on the team played excellent ball and a glance at the line up will reveal their names.

Laurens Hi 35 Anderson Hi 7
Barksdale, C. Left End Ledbetter
Ellis, Left Tackle McFall
Jesse, Left Guard Glenn
Brown, Center Hall
Babb, Right Guard Meeks
Glenn, F. Right Tackle Wright
Crisp, Right End Maxwell
Albright, Quarterback Farmer
Bishop, Left Half Back Matison
Glenn, M. Right Half Back Powell
Woodside, Full Back Meeks
Substitutions for Laurens, Roper for Crisp, Gaston for Ellis, Counts for Woodside; for Anderson, Ligon for Matison.
Referee—"Bish" Barksdale, Presbyterian College; umpire, McAllister, Clemson; headlinesman, Sullivan; length of quarters 12 minutes.

Laurens vs. Greenwood Friday

The local team meets the Greenwood eleven on the home field next Friday and a large crowd is expected to witness the game. The high school team is the best team Laurens has had since the days of "Boo" Armstrong, Tom Bolt, and the Langston boys, and deserves the patronage of the local fans. Coach Moseley has worked out the kinks and the team is now working like a machine. The line will be strengthened Friday by the reappearance of Ray Goodwin as one of the guards, and the boys are expecting to tame Greenwood easily. The game will be called at 3:30 p. m. promptly. Tickets will be sold by High School pupils at 25 and 50 cents.

Another Narrow Escape.

Maj. W. A. White and Dr. A. J. Christopher narrowly escaped injury Monday morning in front of the People's Bank when Mr. Luther Roper lost control of a Ford car he was driving and ran it into the bank wall where these two gentlemen were standing. Seeing the onrushing car, however, they did not stand long and made a quick move out of the way before being hit. It seems that Mr. Roper, who is accustomed to a "sliding gear" on a larger car, was unable to manipulate the more popular car of the proletariat and allowed the machine to get away from him at a critical moment. Besides giving the bank building a considerable jar, no other damage was done.

Evening Song Service

An evening song service is to be given at the Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal, next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to which the rector, Rev. W. S. Holmes, and congregation has invited the public. A very pretty service is being arranged and a large attendance is expected.

Preaching at Gray Court.

Rev. C. T. Squires has announced preaching at the Dorroh Presbyterian church, Gray Court, next Sunday afternoon at the usual hour.

ALLEN OWENS KILLED BY HIS OWN SON

Deplorable Tragedy in Upper Part of the County Sunday.

Claude C. Owens, a young man of Youngs township, is being held in the county jail for killing his father at their home about midday Sunday.

Very little can be learned as to the cause of the tragedy except that the two had not been on good terms for some time and the younger Owens had threatened to kill his father several days before. From testimony heard at the inquest, the elder Owens was in the yard Sunday tinkering with a piece of farm machinery. Mr. Adolphus Hostetter, who was an eye-witness, said that young Owens approached his father apparently in a drunken condition and at once threatened to kill him. His father made some reply and turned away, when the son went around in front and began shooting. After the father was shot twice and had fallen on the ground, according to the testimony, young Owens fired four more bullets into the prostrate form. Reloading his pistol, Owens then threatened to shoot Mr. Hostetter, but the latter prevailed upon him to hold his peace long enough for other neighbors to arrive.

Leaving the dead body of his father Owens then turned away and went to a neighbor's house where he was arrested shortly after by Rural Policeman Columbus L. Owens, who happened to be in the neighborhood. The rural policeman effected the arrest by a ruse, but had considerable difficulty in getting his man lodged in his automobile as none of the bystanders would assist. Finally gaining the upper hand, he carried his prisoner to Woodruff and from there brought him to Laurens.

COLORED PEOPLE WILL RAISE HOSPITAL FUND

Organization Meeting Held Friday and Another to be Held October 29th

At a mass meeting of colored people held in the Bethel A. M. E. church Friday and attended by the white ministers of the city, a resolution was adopted definitely accepting the gift of the late Mrs. Corinna Gibbon for a colored hospital and providing for the campaign to raise the contingent fund of \$15,000. A committee of 15 on ways and means was appointed to report back to another meeting to be held October 29th. At this meeting all the colored pastors of the county are requested to be present, bringing with them one or more laymen from each church. Rev. M. A. Cunningham presided at the meeting Friday as temporary chairman. Rev. F. Y. Dendy is permanent chairman and M. C. H. Dillard, secretary.

TRUCK FALLS THROUGH

J. D. DeShields Injured When Truck Falls Through Reedy River Bridge.

J. D. DeShields, a well known farmer who lives on the Cold Point road, was considerably injured Saturday night when the large truck he was driving broke through the Reedy River bridge beyond Waterloo and fell to the ground below, a distance of about fifteen feet. He had two ribs broken besides being otherwise shaken up. Yesterday he was resting very well at his home and no serious consequences are expected.

Mr. DeShields was returning from his place in Edgefield county with a heavy load of green lumber. He got over the main part of the bridge and was just on the approach on this side of the river when the timbers gave away. The truck itself was not damaged beyond a pair.

Severely Burned

Mrs. Shepard, Mr. H. Terry's sister-in-law, was severely burned at the home of Mr. Terry Friday when her clothes caught on fire in some unaccountable way. She has been in a state of semi-consciousness since the occurrence and yesterday was gradually growing weaker. It is feared that she will not survive the ordeal.

Special Commandery Meeting

A special Commandery meeting has been called for Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock when all orders will be conferred upon a class of twenty companions of the Royal Arch. The Grand Commander and several other out of town knights are expected. Refreshments will be served at the close of the Red Cross degree.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

To Be Held at Mountville October 29-30. Program Is Announced.

The program for the Baptist Sunday School Institute of the Fourth Division of the Laurens Association has been announced by Rev. J. G. Wilson and Rev. C. E. Vermillion, the committee in charge. The institute is to be held October 29-30 and the program is as follows.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Devotional, Rev. J. G. Wilson.
10:30—Enrollment of delegates.
10:45—"The Problem of Securing Teachers for the Sunday School," W. C. Wharton; Rev. C. E. Vermillion.
11:30—Song service, led by W. P. Culbertson.
11:40—"Putting Missions in the S. S. Program."
12:30—Adjournment for dinner.

Afternoon

1:30—Song Service.
1:40—"Drawbacks to the Sunday School," Supts. W. M. Cain, Guy Moore, T. S. Langston, T. J. Coleman, J. H. Wharton, J. H. Motes, W. E. Griffin.
2:30—"Sources of Materials and Helps Needed by the Teacher in Preparation to Teach," J. L. Corzine, W. P. Culbertson.
3:15—"How to Improve the Music in the Sunday School," Rev. C. E. Vermillion, T. S. Langston.

Sunday Morning

10:00—Devotional, J. C. Miller.
10:15—"What Classes Should be Organized and Why?" J. D. W. Watts, R. Y. Culbertson.
10:35—"The Best Way for the Average Pupil to Prepare the Lesson," W. M. Cain, J. L. Boyd.
10:45—"A Standard Sunday School and How to Secure it," J. L. Corzine.
11:20—"The Sunday School as a Place for Teaching Cardinal Doctrines," T. B. Brown, W. P. Culbertson.
11:40—Sermon, Rev. C. E. Vermillion.

FURS TOO CHEAP

Young Man Posing as Sailor Sold Furs Here Very Cheap and is Now Wanted for Burglary.

Several gentlemen who bought nice furs for their wives here a few days ago at very low prices from a young man in a sailor costume were pained to read in the papers Monday morning that a young man answering the description of this one had been trailed to Gaffney by Washington, D. C. officials and were trying to get hold of him for the robbery of a fur establishment in the capital city. He had left Gaffney, however, and from last reports was still at large and probably still unloading his line of furs to bargain hunters. The talented sailor and fur-dealer spent a day here and became the talk of the town because of his fine stock of furs and the attractive prices at which he offered them. He again became the talk of the town when it was learned that the officers were after him and that maybe his customers would have to give up their purchases or come across with some amount nearer approaching their real value.

Former Laurens Men Married

Much interest is attached here to recent weddings of two brothers, former residents of Laurens who spent their boyhood days here. Rev. Richard Franklin Simpson was married on October 6th, at Atlanta, Ga., to Miss Martha Cobb Whither. On Saturday evening, October 16th, Mr. Charles Tune Simpson was married to Miss Elizabeth Tyler Swelznizus at the home of the bride's parents in Green Bay, Wis. They will reside at Trion, Ga. The Messrs. Simpson are sons of Mrs. T. Foster Simpson, now of Anderson, and have many friends here who are interested in their marriage.

Notice of Quarterly Conference

The fourth quarterly conference of the upper South Carolina conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church will meet with Brewerton church, in the western part of Laurens County, near Princeton at 7:30 p. m., October 29th, and will continue through Sunday night. We are expecting to have some good preaching, and the music will be an important feature on this occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend.

F. L. BRAMLETT,
State Superintendent.

LONG CALENDAR FOR CIVIL COURT

Court Convenes First Monday in November

\$2,000 SUIT AGAINST COUNTY

Common Pleas Court to Last Two Weeks. Cases Involving Large Sums to be Heard. County Faces Suit for Death of Joe Stewart by Lynching Party.

The fall term of the Court of Common Pleas will convene Monday morning, November 1st, and will continue for two weeks, Judge Ernest Moore, of Lancaster, presiding. The court calendar shows a large number of cases to be tried, some of them involving very large amounts.

Among the more important cases may be numbered the suit of Elvira Dominick of Lexington county against Geo. H. Holt, of this county, growing out of the death of the plaintiff's relative last fall when Mr. Holt ran over him with his automobile. This suit is for \$75,000 damages.

Another case which will attract attention will be that of J. J. Adams vs. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Company, for the destruction of the plaintiff's house by fire last winter, the allegation being that the defendant company was negligent in the installation of a heating apparatus.

Miss Eliza McDill, of Ora, will also have a case in court against the C. & W. C. railroad on account of the death of her mother on the railroad track several months ago. She is suing for \$20,000.

Homer Sumerel, of this city, vs. W. C. Waldrop, also of this city, is a case in which the plaintiff alleges a false arrest and assault and battery on the part of the defendant. Mr. Waldrop, it is alleged, arrested Mr. Sumerel without authority and carried him to the police station following a dispute between them on East Main street. This suit is for \$4,000 damages.

Dr. Frank Kellers and his wife, of Clinton, are bringing several suits against the Seaboard Air Line railroad as a result of the destruction of the plaintiff's car and the injury of Mrs. Kellers several months ago when a Seaboard train crashed into her.

Henrietta Stewart, colored, is suing the county for \$2,000 damages on account of the lynching of her son, Joe Stewart, in this city in the early summer.

The jurors for the two weeks are as follows:

First Week
Waterloo—E. P. Walker, Andrew C. Phillips, J. J. Brownlee, W. H. Culbertson, Jr.

Sullivan—G. C. Roper, J. H. Roper, J. C. Henderson, Ernest E. Simpson, J. R. Crawford.
Dials—R. E. Peden, R. E. Moore, Geo. W. Cox, J. F. Vaughn, C. R. Babb, Scuffletown—F. L. Donnan, W. T. Cooper.

Yongs—T. M. Nesbitt, E. F. Fincher, Jesse B. Godfrey, E. P. Patton, Hunter—E. B. Sloan, W. C. Hipp, J. J. Young, S. E. Jones, O. H. Shealy, W. J. Cline.
Jacks—John W. Riser, E. W. Bonds, Cross Hill—S. H. Goggans, Conway Dial, Jno. H. Campbell, J. C. Chandler, Laurens—R. M. Eichelberger, E. O. Anderson, Thos. Downey, L. P. Blakeley.

Second Week

Yongs—L. M. Dial, P. A. Riddle, Rice R. Barnett, P. A. Owings.
Dials—S. M. Weeks, R. W. Curry, W. T. Vaughn, W. R. Dials, J. R. Brownlee, W. M. Armstrong.
Sullivan—C. W. Mahon, Smith J. Martin, J. W. Davis.

Waterloo—T. J. Brisse, Thos. H. Madden, J. E. Elledge, Jas. P. O'Dell, J. Frank Anderson.

Hunter—J. L. Willard, J. F. Jacobs, Jr., J. P. Carter, S. S. Farrar, J. Roy Hunter, J. H. M. Young, J. C. Nelson.
Cross Hill—E. E. Cole, J. B. Neal, Jas. C. Miller.

Jacks—Harrison Copeland, Jr., W. L. Lynn.
Scuffletown—D. A. Madden, E. T. Woodruff.

Laurens—Jno. M. Teague, W. Hance Crews, S. Rufus Putnam, Rufus Carter.