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REPUBLICANS SCORE IN EVERY FIELD

Majorities in Both House and Senate

HARDING PASSES THE 400 MARK

Practically Complete Returns from the Nation Show That the Republicans Had a Landslide of Votes and Will Be in Full Control After March.

New York, Nov. 4.—An almost record smashing electoral vote for Senator Harding topping the 400 mark and a Republican majority of more than a score in the senate and 150 in the house, were assured from virtually complete returns tonight from Tuesday's elections.

With the Democratic strongholds of Oklahoma, Missouri and Tennessee definitely swept into the Republican ranks by the party's crushing victory, the Harding-Coolidge ticket had 396 votes, exclusive of the five from Montana, where the Republican state ticket was victorious and the presidential ticket ahead.

The Republican landslide tonight had given the Republicans 58 senate seats as against 37 for the Democrats with late returns undermining the seat of Senator Beckham, Democrat, Kentucky. His Republican opponent, Richard J. Ernst, forged ahead in a nip and tuck fight for the only senate fight left unsettled. Of the 31 senate contests, the Republicans captured nine from the Democrats and elected all 15 of their candidates. Among the Democratic senators who today went down to defeat were Senators Chamberlain of Oregon, former chairman of the military committee, Senator Smith of Arizona, who lost to former Representative Ralph Cameron, and Senator Henderson of Nevada, who was defeated by former Governor Oddie.

Final returns from a few congressional district still were belated tonight, some due to close races which upset a few previous announcements, and others from isolated sections. With these missing district the Republican roll in the house had climbed past 285, to 135 for the Democrats.

Among house members whose reelection was reported definitely tonight was Representative Volstead of prohibition enforcement act and chairman of the house judiciary committee, a position he is scheduled to retain.

In the house contests the Republican sweep gave Ohio an almost solid Republican delegation, only one district in doubt. In this, the home state of Harding and Cox, the Republicans gained and the Democrats lost eight states. In Missouri the Republicans gained a block of eight.

The result of the voting in one precinct in Kentucky probably will not be known. A fight ensued at the polls and the ballot-box was stolen, according to telephone reports here today. This was in Breathitt county, in the heart of the mountain district.

Additional Subscriptions

The Advertiser acknowledges additional figures to the Democratic campaign fund, as follows:

W. J. Flemmig, Ora	\$10.00
O. P. Goodwin	1.00
W. M. Irby	1.00
Mrs. W. M. Irby	1.00

This balance will be turned over to the county treasurer of the fund, Mr. B. Y. Culbertson, and will be forwarded by him to the proper persons. These subscriptions were made before the election. While they cannot help to win they may boost a deficit.

New Farm Demonstrator.

Mr. J. E. Trevathan, until a few days ago farm demonstration agent of Warren county, N. C., arrived in the city Monday to assume similar duties here. Mr. Trevathan succeeds Mr. M. D. Moore, who resigned several months ago. His office will be in the court house.

Court Convenes Today

The fall term of the court of common pleas will convene this morning with Judge Ernest Moore, of Lancaster, on the bench.

SOLDIERS GRANTED HOLIDAYS

World War Veterans to Have Two Days Off to Commemorate Armistice Day.

World War veterans of this city are to have two days of holiday from work in order to celebrate Armistice Day, November 14th. A petition was generally signed Monday by employers of the city to grant them Thursday and Friday in order that they might make use of those days in whatever form they might seem best. A large number of them expect to go to Columbia, Greenville and other places to attend celebrations in those places.

No special celebration of the day will be held here, as no arrangements have been made.

Gov. Cooper has issued the following proclamation to the people of the state in commemoration of the day:

"The American Legion is planning a fitting observance of armistice day, November 11, and has called upon me to co-operate in the observance. This I gladly do. Armistice day, commemorating as it does one of the great dates in history, should be a general holiday. No legislation to this effect, however, has been enacted. Notwithstanding this fact, I feel constrained to call upon the people of South Carolina to honor the day by appropriate exercises.

"It is highly fitting that great events should be recalled, from time to time, and the best manner in which this can be done is through the celebration of memorable anniversaries. We owe it to the sacredness of the cause for which we fought in the World War, we owe it to the sacrifices made, we owe it to our dead to turn aside on November 11 from usual trains of thought and devote ourselves to recalling and lauding the successful efforts made in behalf of democracy."

Two Liquor Hauls Made.

Local peace officers broke into the tranquility of liquor makers last week by destroying the fiery liquid and the equipment used in making it. Saturday morning Sheriff Reid got wind of a stock of wet goods near Enorec and located one and a half gallons in a cotton patch near the county line. This was destroyed, but the owner had gotten away. The same day Rural Policemen Owens and Boyd made a haul below Cross Hill and captured a still and a considerable quantity of mash besides taking in tow Matthew Hill, colored, who was brought to the county jail to await trial at the next term of court. The financial stringency, according to Policeman Owens, is having its effect also on the liquor making business and there is less disposition to make it these days as the thirsty haven't the wherewithal to buy. Even at that, however, he says that the price does not seem to sag a great deal.

Gaffney Beats Locals

In a fast and furious game of football played at the baseball park Friday afternoon the local high school team went down in defeat before the Gaffney high school by a score of 6 to 0. The only touch-down of the game was made in the first quarter after a few minutes of play, but thereafter the game-see sawed between the two sides until the fourth quarter was ended without another score.

George Albright, Jr., Injured.

George Albright, Jr., better known among the younger set as "Toots," had one of his legs broken in a football game at Savannah last Friday and is now in the Anderson hospital in a rather serious condition. He was first carried back to Clemson and then to Anderson after his case became so serious. Information from Anderson yesterday was to the effect that he had shown few signs of improvement.

Play at Gray Court-Owings

The Comedy, "Diamonds and Hearts," will be presented by the High School at the Gray Court-Owings school building Friday evening, November 19. The public is cordially invited to attend. Watch for Sammy and "Bud"—a diamond in the rough!

To Address Endeavorers

Mr. O. L. Long will make an address before the Christian Endeavor society at the First Presbyterian church Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to come and hear him.

CAMP JACKSON SOLDIER COMMITTS SUICIDE HERE

Took Carbolic Acid in Laurens Hotel Saturday Night and Was Found Monday Morning.

Private Rosco Williams, Co. C, 11th infantry, identified by papers on his person, was found dead in his bed at the Laurens Hotel Monday morning after he had evidently lain there since Saturday night. An ounce bottle of carbolic acid on a table nearby with about eight drams gone out of it, with burns about the mouth and excretions from the stomach and kidneys, connected with letters on his person formed evidence enough for the coroner's jury which held the inquest over the body the same day to return a verdict of suicide. Letters from his father at Crystal Springs, Miss., indicated that the son had been writing despondent letters home and in the absence of other testimony it is generally assumed that he ended his life as a means of relief from earthly troubles.

The deceased was first seen in the city Friday afternoon. He spent that night at the Smith boarding house, but appeared then to be in a normal condition. It is reported that he enquired about employment at the carpenter's trade the next day, saying that he had gotten his discharge from the army. He was seen at the Central Cafe taking supper Saturday night and later went to a local druggist and bought an ounce bottle of carbolic acid. He registered at the Laurens Hotel that night, paid for his lodging and went to his room. Sunday morning when the maid went to his room to clean it up for the day he was still lying in bed and she thought he was sleeping late as guests often do on Sunday mornings. The maids went off duty at noon Sunday and did not return until Monday morning. When they found the man lying in bed in the same position in which they left him the morning before, they reported the matter to the clerk who sent a negro boy to the room to find out his condition. The boy went to the room and reported that the man appeared to be dead. This was confirmed by the clerk, who notified the sheriff and chief of police. Messages were immediately sent to his superior officer at Camp Jackson and the chief of police of Crystal Springs. An officer from Camp Jackson came up Monday evening and ordered the body held in the Kennedy undertaking establishment, to which it had been removed and yesterday afternoon it still remained there. His relatives nor officers at Crystal Springs had not been heard from yesterday afternoon.

The dead soldier was apparently about thirty years of age, about six feet tall and weighed probably 250 pounds. Besides \$7.10 in cash and the letters from his father, he carried a pass from Camp Jackson to Columbia, for November 3 and 4. His clothes were neatly pressed and these he carefully laid away before retiring Saturday night. In his statement before the coroner's jury, Dr. W. D. Ferguson, who performed the autopsy, said that the man had probably been dead between 24 and 36 hours and that the large dose of the deadly poison probably caused a painless death.

Noted Lecturer Coming

Dr. Winfield Scott Hall, of New York, noted author and lecturer on sex hygiene, will speak to the high school boys in the Court House at 1 p. m. on Friday, November 12th. Dr. Hall is sent out under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association of South Carolina. He will come here from Clinton, where he addresses the boys in the high school. Each boy in the high school will be asked to invite his father or some male relative to hear Dr. Hall. While the hour is the dinner hour of some, it is hoped that a large crowd will gather to hear this able lecturer on the vital subject of "Sex Hygiene."

District Missionary Rally.

There will be a District Missionary Rally at the Laurens Methodist church, Thursday, the 11th. Mrs. Brown, conference president will preside. Other district officers are expected to be present. One feature of the program will be a pageant, "The Awakening of America," presented by ten young girls. Luncheon will be served at the church. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

BAIL IS GRANTED

TO C. C. OWENS

C. C. Owens, Who Killed His Father October 17th, Granted Bail in the Sum of \$4,000. Not Yet Applied For.

C. C. Owens, the young farmer from the upper part of the county who killed his father, Allen Owens, on October 17th, was granted bail in the sum of \$4,000 by Associate Justice R. C. Watts after a hearing Saturday morning. Owens has not been able to furnish the necessary surety so far and still remains in jail.

Preceding his testimony as to the killing itself, the defendant gave a lengthy history of the family life at his home in which he said that his father at times had been very violent toward certain members of the family and especially to him. This treatment, he said, has continued for the past 11 or 15 years and grew more violent as his father grew older. Besides mistreating him, he testified, his father undertook to beat his mother with a whip about four years ago and was only prevented from doing so by his brother and himself. At this time, he said, his father threw his mother on the floor and choked her severely. "I am informed," he testified, "that some three years ago my father shot at her with his pistol."

After reciting several instances of ill-treatment and telling of threats which his father had made against his life, he gave the following account of the killing itself:

On the day of this unfortunate occurrence, this document had started over to his uncle, Tom Owens, who lived about one-half mile from his deponent's residence, and in going to his uncle's, passed through his father's pasture where his father was at work repairing a molasses mill. This deponent did not know his father was there until he reached the mill, not having seen him during the morning. In passing the mill where my father was at work, I kindly asked him if he wanted a drink as I had a little whiskey. He said, "No, By G-d, I don't." I then kindly said to him, "Pa, I want to talk with you." He said, "Yes, By G-d, you come down here for a fuss, have you?" He then said, "I will burst your d-n brains with this hammer." He had then advanced on me some 6 or 8 steps and struck at me with the hammer after I had stepped back a little. In dodging the lick I pulled my pistol and shot to keep him from killing me with the hammer. I tried to live in peace with my father, although he made repeated threats against my life.

Testifying along the same line as the defendant as to previous un- by relations in the home were his mother, Mrs. Sallie Lee Owens, and his two brothers, Robert Lee Owens and Irvin Owens.

Shingling Ink in New Mexico.

In recent letters to friends in this city, Haskell Dial, who is now in Deming, New Mexico, states that he is running a newspaper as a side line while the brokerage business in which he is engaged is a little dull. "The Evening Herald" is the name of the paper, a copy of which shows that he is giving his subscribers a live paper.

Play at Trinity Ridge.

The pupils of Eden school will give the play "Always in Trouble" at the Trinity Ridge school house Friday night, November 12, at 8 o'clock. This play has been given before at Eden and Hickory Tavern schools and was a big success at both places. The admission charges will be 25 and 15 cents. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Opens Harness Shop.

Mr. C. M. Hinson formerly engaged as a harnessman with Mosely & Roland, has returned to the city and opened a harness and leather shop on West Laurens street.

COUNTY TEACHERS MET

Teachers Association Met Saturday Morning and Organized for the Year. Clinton Man Heads Association.

The Laurens County Teachers Association met at Laurens in the Court House on Saturday morning and re-organized for the present session. The meeting was called to order by Mr. R. T. Wilson Superintendent of Education.

The following officers were elected, President, Mr. J. H. Witherspoon, Supt. of Clinton schools; vice president, Mr. H. W. Gasque, Supt. of Laurens city schools; secretary and treasurer, Miss Minnie Wallace, Rural School Supervisor.

The question of meeting with the schools of the different parts of the county were discussed; however it was decided to hold the next meeting in Laurens.

The sessions of the monthly meetings will be divided into departments consisting of high school, intermediate and primary. A prominent speaker will address the meeting each time.

REV. A. E. HOLLER

MADE PRESIDING ELDER

Rev. P. F. Kilgo to Succeed Rev. Holler in the Local Pastorate

Rev. A. E. Holler, who has served the First Methodist church here for the past two years, was given a higher assignment at the meeting of the Upper South Carolina Conference which was in session in Union last week and the first part of this week. Rev. Holler was designated presiding elder of the Anderson district and Rev. P. F. Kilgo, presiding elder of this district a few years ago, was assigned to this charge. Rev. Foster Speer was assigned to the Laurens Mill succeeding Rev. Mr. Johnson. Rev. J. T. Miller, who completed his quadrennial at Enoree, was assigned to the Pendleton church.

The assignments in the Greenville district, in which Laurens is located, were as follows:

Greenville District: J. M. Steadman, presiding elder. Clinton, L. E. Wiggins; Easley, J. Paul Patton and one to be supplied; Fountain Inn, H. G. Chambers; Gray Court, C. W. Watson; Greenville, Bethel and Poe, C. L. Harris; Bleachery and Mount Lebanon, J. H. Bell, supply; Brandon and Pointsett, A. M. Dorsett; Buncombe Street, C. C. Herbert; Choice Street and Mills, J. W. McElrath, supply; Dunean and Judson, P. L. Bouknight; Hampton Avenue, C. M. Morris; St. Paul, W. B. Garrett; West Greenville, W. B. Justus; Greenville Circuit, M. M. Brooks; Greer, O. M. Abney; Laurens, P. F. Kilgo; Laurens Circuit, Foster Speer; Liberty, E. W. Mason; Norris, A. N. Jackson, supply; Pickens, Hamlin Etheredge; Pickens Circuit, D. P. Hudson, supply; Simpsonville, J. F. Lupo; South Easley, C. R. White, supply; South Greer, B. H. Harvey, and one to be supplied; Travelers Rest, S. B. White; Conference Sunday School Secretary, L. D. Gillespie, Pickens; Student Oxford University, England, E. P. Moseley.

Returned to Kannapolis, N. C.

Miss Wynona Chaney, who is now missionary for the 1st Baptist church, Kannapolis, N. C., spent several days in the city with her parents, having been called home because of the illness of her grandmother, Mrs. N. C. Stone. She returned to her work Saturday.

Cotton Market Breaks

The cotton market has shown decided weakness during the past few days. Yesterday morning the New York market was up about fifty points, but later in the day broke nearly \$5.00 a bale. The local spot market closed around 19 cents.

New Market Opens

Mr. J. E. Oglesby has opened his new meat market in the store building formerly occupied by the Dixie Flour & Grain Company, next to the Southern Express office. He has installed some new furniture and fixtures and is now ready for business.

At Wadsworth School.

The school improvement Association will have a turkey supper at Wadsworth school house Friday night, Nov. 12, beginning at 6 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

TO PUSH CAMPAIGN FOR EXPORT CONCE

Will Inform People of C ton Corporation

CAMPAIGN STARTS NEXT MOND.

Speakers Will Visit County Seats Inform People and to Collect S scriptions. Will Apply for Cha from Secretary of State Friday.

Columbia, Nov. 9.—While many have expressed amazement at the success of the campaign to organize the American Products Export and Import corporation, yet the work has not yet been rounded out to the fullness which the organization committee wishes, according to officials of the concern. There are more than 5,000 subscribers to the capital stock, but the committee feels that there are many thousands who would subscribe if they knew the purpose of the corporation, and the probable good that will result, not only the present market crisis, but in the way of substantial dividend return, and because this will afford a permanent method of marketing, producer manufacturer, direct.

In order to give the people more generally an opportunity to subscribe there will be a short intensive campaign during the week beginning November 15. This campaign will be handled principally by Clemson college field agents in collaboration with the county chairmen recently appointed by the American Cotton association. The Clemson agents in some counties have turned in large batches of subscriptions, already, and it is felt that as a result of the intensive drive next week there will be many thousands added to the subscription list and every county will respond in fine style.

Dr. D. W. Watkins, assistant director of the agricultural work at Clemson, has arrived in Columbia and has opened headquarters until the campaign is over. He and the director, Dr. W. W. Long and Prof. W. H. Mills, have prepared some interesting and informing reading matter that will be printed and distributed widely. Dr. Watkins will hold in Columbia Tuesday a meeting of his field agents in the middle section of the state and there will be another meeting on the same day at Clemson of the men in that part of the state, and the Pee Dee agents will meet at Florence. At these three meetings the campaign will be discussed in every phase and the agents will be prepared to take hold of the details in their respective counties.

Speakers will present to the people at the court house towns on November 15, the cause and the plan of the "cotton exports corporation." It is hoped that every citizen will attend these meetings. No subscriptions will be taken. It is merely desired to get the people there and to inform them of the urgency of the situation and of the opportunity offered. Subsequent to this the intensive, personal campaign will be begun, and it is expected that this will be the most remarkable "five day campaign" staged in this state.

Ex-Governor R. I. Manning and associates will apply to the secretary of state on Friday for a charter for the American Products Export and Import corporation. Governor Manning again calls attention to the fact that there is no point of conflict between this corporation and other similar and yet entirely dissimilar. This corporation will deal in the commodities, while the bankers corporation, which has been planned, will handle only securities. The exports corporation will incorporate in South Carolina, but will be extended to other states at once, allowing them pro rata representation on the directorate.

Now With Baltimore News.

Friends in the city and county of J. Archie Willis, who has been in the newspaper and advertising business in Atlanta for the past several years, will be interested in his removal to Baltimore. Mr. Willis has taken charge of the development of new business for the Baltimore News and will make the Maryland city his home in the future.