

CRITICS CRITICIZED.

"JUSTICE" CRITICIZES "CITIZEN"
AND "A PRIVATE IN THE RANKS."

Thinks the Weekly Mail's Correspondents Should be Willing to Let the People Choose.

The articles of "Citizen" and "A Private in the Ranks," which appeared recently in The Weekly Mail seem to be attracting very little attention in this section: in fact, so far as we have been able to learn, they have produced no effect whatever except an effect opposite to the one intended by the authors.

These writers disclaim any animosity towards Senator Williams yet they make him the subject of their articles. They appear to be so much frightened at the mere thought that he may bite that they are trying to choke him off before he attempts to take hold. Their object, we suppose, is to try to create the impression that they are voicing the sentiments of the people of Williamsburg and thus persuade Dr. Williams to remain unannounced and leave the field open to their man.

Their insincerity in their professions of esteem for Dr. Williams is apparent throughout their articles. "Private" after avowing his personal friendship, declares that the Senator is the child of designing politicians and could by no means win on his own merits. "Private" thus betrays his own insincerity and at the same time declares that that great body of voters who sent Williams to the senate term after term did not cast intelligent votes, but voted like sheep. And now he pretends to want to put these same mutton heads, as he calls them by inference, "to thinking."

This same writer says that the list as proposed by himself and "Citizen" should be boiled down to one and "put him out as the people's candidate." Who are to do the boiling? "Private" and "Citizen"? Who will then put out the "people's candidate?" "Private" and "Citizen"? Would such a one be the people's candidate?

"Citizen" insinuates that Senator Williams thinks "he was created just to fill an office and that no one else can fill it but himself," while the "Private" indirectly declares that he is a "would-be political boss." These professing friends and admirers have not the temerity to make their charges openly and boldly, but resort to insinuations and indirection. Is this the proper way to attack a man?

Now, would it not be a better expression of the will of freemen for the people, not "Citizen" nor "Private" nor any one else, but for the people to say who shall be their candidate? This is a free country. Let every one of the eighteen proposed by these writers, let Dr. Williams, should he see fit, and let every one else who chooses come out for the office, and then let the people, not "Citizen" nor "Private" nor any other man

dictate, but let the people choose their official. Should they say that Williams must step down and out, we are quite sure he will do so cheerfully and gracefully.

We understand that Dr. Williams has demanded the names of the authors of the two articles referred to, but that the editor of the Mail refused to give the names. JUSTICE.

KINGSTREE CLUB MEETS

And Elects Delegates to the Democratic County Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the County Chairman Kingstree Democratic club met in the Court house Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, with Dr. D. C. Scott, the president, in the chair.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing two years: president, D. C. Scott, vice president, C. W. Wolfe, secretary and treasurer, W. V. Brockington. H. O. Britton, J. G. McCutchen, W. W. Grayson, and S. W. Jernigan were then elected as a committee on registration, and Dr. D. C. Scott a member of the county executive committee.

A number of new members were added to the club roll and the names of all who have died or moved from the county stricken off. The roll, after being purged, was found to contain 345 names, which under the rules entitles the club to 14 delegates to the county convention to be held on Monday, May 5. Following are those who were placed in nomination and elected: W. H. Kennedy, R. H. Kellehan, H. O. Britton, C. W. Wolfe, G. S. Barr, D. C. Scott, John A. Kelley, R. K. Wallace, E. L. Hirsch, W. V. Brockington; LeRoy Lee, S. Mc B. Scott, G. P. Nelson, and R. J. Kirk.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Mortuary.

On Saturday, April 19, Mr. R. J. Kirk was summoned to his old home in Berkeley county by the news of the extreme illness of his mother, Mrs. Sarah N. Kirk. On the following Wednesday, April 23, she died at the age of 73 years. Mrs. Kirk was the widow of Col. Philip C. Kirk, of Loch Dhu, Upper St. John's, Berkeley, and the daughter of Dr. Henry B. Singleton, of Clarendon county. It is a singular coincidence that Mrs. Kirk died almost at the same hour that her marriage took place 57 years before.

Died—Friday night, April 25, 1902, Willie, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reddick. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon at the Williamsburg cemetery, Dr. W. L. Wallace conducting the services.

The State dispensary recently paid over \$25000 to the School fund. Under the law to make up the deficiency so that each school in the county shall receive \$75, Williamsburg's share of this fund is \$1890.50.

Mrs. J. W. Coward, T. B. Gourdin, T. W. Boyle, W. F. Hogan, P. H. Stoll, J. J. B. Montgomery, A. D. Epps, J. W. Coward, W. F. Sports and C. W. Wolfe were present at the Tillman-Appelt speaking in Manning Friday.

SCRANTON SNAP SHOTS.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS CELEBRATE FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

Eloquent Address by Gen. M. L. Bonham—Other Matters of Local and Personal Interest.

Scranton, April 29—The first anniversary celebration of Scranton Lodge, K. of P., took place Friday night of last week and was a notable event in the history of the Lodge. Grand Chancellor M. L. Bonham, of Anderson, was present and delivered an address. Past Grand Chancellor Geo. F. VonKolnitz, of Charleston, who instituted the Lodge, was expected to be present also but a telegram was received from him late Friday afternoon saying that it would be impossible for him to leave the city. His absence was, of course, a great disappointment to the lodge.

It was arranged to have Gen. Bonham's address delivered in public, and the use of the Methodist church was obtained for that purpose. The ladies of the town had arranged to have an entertainment for the pleasure of the young people, but, with their usual kind and unselfish hearts, decided to postpone the affair and accept the invitation from the Pythians to participate in their celebration. So with commendable zeal and energy they went to work and decorated the church in a most beautiful and tasteful manner, using the Pythian colors and symbols principally in the decorations.

Gen. Bonham's address was an able effort and impressed all who heard it very deeply. In words of burning eloquence he recited the story of Damon and Pythias, and said the beautiful lesson that their fidelity, loyalty and devotion to each other taught was the corner-stone upon which the order of Pythianism rests.

At the conclusion of Gen. Bonham's address, the Knights and their guests repaired to the Mixon hotel where an elegant collation was served. After supper was over the Knights returned to their lodge room and conferred the rank of Knight on Esquire Carter, and the rank of Page on Dr. S. M. Dickson. It was in the "wee sma hours" when the lodge adjourned.

Rain is very much needed to bring up cotton.

Ch Nachman went to Charleston yesterday on business.

Mrs. Byrd is visiting the family of Mr. R. P. Byrd at Ebenezer.

C. S. Welsh of the Florence Daily Times, was in town Thursday in the interest of his paper.

Agent C. D. Gandy has been transferred to Chadbourn, N. C., during the trucking season.

Commissioner A. M. Cook is out in the Mouzon section to-day looking after roads and bridges.

Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Calhoun have returned from Hartsville, whether they had been to attend the district conference.

Truckers are shipping their products now but we understand they are not satisfied with the prices they are getting.

Mr. Geo. Cusac, railroad agent and postmaster at Mt. Holly, is spending a few days here with his grand-father, Mr. J. M. Kirby.

Mr. G. T. Burnett and brother, of

Florence, have the contract of tinning the roof of Mr. R. B. Cannon's new residence. They began work Saturday morning.

DEMOCRATIC CLUB MEETINGS.

Results of Elections in Several Clubs Last Saturday.

HEBRON.

Following are the officers and delegates elected from Hebron Democratic club at its reorganization on Friday, April 26.

President, R. B. Smith; vice president, W. L. Burgess, sec. and treas. Bartow Smith; member of executive committee, W. W. Kennedy; delegates to county convention, S. W. Gowdy, R. B. Smith, W. L. Burgess, R. C. McElveen, and J. C. Christmas.

GOURDINS.

In accordance with the call of the county chairman Gourdins Democratic club reorganized on Saturday, April 26, and elected the following officers and delegates: President, Dr. S. W. Gamble; vice president, N. W. Baggett; secretary and treasurer, B. E. Clarkson; member executive committee, Dr. S. W. Gamble. S. G. McDonald and B. E. Clarkson were elected delegates to the county convention with the privilege of choosing their alternates.

On motion of the secretary Gourdins club unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Col. William Elliott for the United States Senate. B. E. Clarkson, April 25, 1902. Secretary.

POPLAR HILL.

Poplar Hill Democratic club met and reorganized last Saturday. After being revised the roll was found to contain 90 members. The following delegates were elected to the county convention: B. B. Chandler, C. H. Gordon, Dr. J. F. Carraway and F. M. Britton. Alternates: B. J. Chandler, M. M. Thomas, L. A. Gordon and J. M. Carter. B. B. Chandler was elected member of executive committee. J. O. Carraway, Pres. C. H. Gordon, Sec'y.

CEDAR SWAMP.

The following officers and delegates were elected at the reorganization of Cedar Swamp Democratic club on Saturday, April 26: W. D. Snowden, president; H. L. Grayson, vice president; W. S. Grayson, secretary and treasurer. Member of executive committee, W. D. Snowden. Delegates to county convention: W. S. Grayson and J. Y. McGill.

SALTERS.

Pursuant to the call of the county chairman Salters Democratic club met on Saturday, April 26, and reorganized. Following are the officers and delegates elected;

T. E. Salters, president; J. G. Littrage vice president; J. H. Chandler, sec'y and treas; J. E. Davis, member of executive committee. Delegates to county convention; J. G. Littrage, J. C. Everett and T. E. Salters.

GREELEYVILLE.

Greeleyville Democratic clubs met on Saturday, April 26, and after being reorganized, elected

the following officers and delegates.

Club No. 1—E. R. Lesesne, president, S. M. Bradshaw, vice president, J. J. B. Montgomery, sec'y and treas; member executive committee, S. M. Bradshaw. Delegates to county convention: S. M. Bradshaw, G. G. Gist, L. B. Bradshaw, J. W. Gamble.

Club No. 2—R. S. Brunson, president; S. J. Taylor, vice president, C. R. Burgess, sec'y and treas; F. B. Gourdin, member executive committee. Delegates to county convention: Vincent Taylor, R. H. Footman; R. K. Jeffords, N. D. Lesesne. Ned Ard.

CADES.

Cades Democratic club was reorganized Saturday last and elected the following officers and delegates: President, J. P. Epps, vice president, John Wilson, secretary and treasurer, W. E. Hanna; member executive committee, Col. Thos. Wilson. Following are the delegates to the county convention elected: J. N. Sauls, W. J. Tomlinson, R. F. Epps, W. J. Haselden, M. D. Nesmith.

SCRANTON.

Scranton Democratic club met Saturday, April 26, and reorganized. Following are the officers and delegates elected:

A. M. Cooke, president; W. Eugene Cooke, sec'y and treas; member of executive committee, Dr. W. S. Lynch; delegates to county convention, P. S. Wall, W. S. Lynch, A. M. Cooke, W. S. Kennedy; committee on registration, W. Eugene Cooke, E. S. Johnson, W. P. Mixon and P. A. Parker; on revision of club roll, Dr. Lynch, W. Eugene Cooke and P. S. Wall. Appropriate resolutions were passed on the death of Gen. Wade Hampton.

W. Eugene Cooke, Sec'y
A. M. Cooke, President.

PROSPECT.

Prospect Democratic club met April 26 and reorganized with 75 members. Following are the officers and delegates elected: president, J. J. Eaddy; vice president, S. Poston; sec'y and treas., J. M. Eaddy; member executive committee, J. J. Eaddy; delegates to county convention: S. Poston, J. J. Hanna and J. J. Eaddy; registration committee, S. Adkinson, Walter Poston and W. O. Eaddy.

BLACK MINGO.

Black Mingo Democratic club met at Morrisville on Saturday, April 26, and elected the following officers and delegates for the ensuing two years: president, F. M. Nesmith; vice president, J. Wesley Cook; sec'y and treas Samuel H. Cooper; member executive committee, John S. Graham; committee on registration, D. D. Rhem, R. W. Marshall, C. D. Cook, Sr., delegates to county convention: John S. Graham, James M. Godwin, C. D. Cook, Sr., J. C. Josey.

Mr. J. Wesley Cook was heartily endorsed by the club as a candidate for county auditor.

S. H. Cooper,
Sec'y and treas.

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At a meeting of Trio Democrat

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