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CANDIDATES ADDRESS PEOPLE AT JOHNSONVILLE.

Meeting Harmonious and Without Special Incident—Full Report Will Appear Next Week.

JOHNSONVILLE, S. C., Aug. 5.—The first meeting of the county campaign of 1902 was pulled off today at Johnsonville in the presence of 200 voters. The office-seekers assembled in a grove in front of Johnsonville church, and at 11 a. m. the meeting was called to order by County Chairman A. H. Williams, who was requested to act as chairman by Mr. J. Dennis the president of the Johnsonville club. Dr. Williams announced his candidacy for the State Senate, and in a short speech thanked the people for having honored him by electing him to the position of State Senator for three successive terms.

Following him came the legislative candidates, all of whom made live and interesting speeches. A new Richmond in the field appeared in the candidacy of W. L. Bass, Esq., for the House of Representatives. Mr. Bass's entrance into the political arena was unexpected and caused considerable surprise. Up to yesterday, he stated, he had no idea of entering the race, but was induced to do so by the strong solicitation of friends.

At this time it is inexpedient to give a synopsis of the speeches, but I will endeavor to do so at a future meeting.

Following are the candidates and the order in which they spoke:

For the Legislature—H E Eaddy, T B Gourdin, P S Wall, W W Kennedy, W L Bass and J H Hutson.

County Supervisor—C E Wheeler, B B Chandler, J J Graham, A M Cook and N M Venters.

Auditor—J D Daniel, J Davis Carter, H G Askins, J W Cook and J J B Montgomery.

County Superintendent Education—C W Wolfe and William Cooper.

County Commissioner—P D Cockfield, S J Singletary, R D Blakeley, J C McElveen (absent) and Henry Collins.

Supervisor of Registration—J J Eaddy G K Mitchum (absent), J Y McGill and E F Prosser.

Treasurer—R D Rollins, W D Owens and R B Smith.

The political Rough Riders all seem to be in good spirits, and are at this time making their way toward Morrisville, their next rendezvous. C. W. W.

Ice Cream Festival.

The public is cordially invited to attend an ice cream festival at Mr. S. I. Montgomery's on Friday evening, August 15th. The festival will be conducted under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of Corinth Presbyterian church, and the proceeds will be applied to the benefit of the church. These ladies should have the co-operation of the community in this commendable enterprise, which they have nobly undertaken.

Obituary.

Died—At Harpers, S. C., on Saturday, August 2, 1902, J. Lafayette, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hutson, aged one year and three months.

Obituary.

On the evening of July the 19th "death lifted the veil that hides a brighter sphere" and closed the eyes of Mrs. G. T. Reaves upon the scenes of this world and her spirit went to the One who gave it. How much we miss her and yet we sorrow not as those who have no hope. So young to die and yet so many of life's cares and troubles escaped. What a comfort it is to know that God never deals with a life unjustly. We do not understand why God has broken this happy family circle and left the husband and little Helen so lonely and the infant without a mother's care, but sometime we'll understand. The body was taken back to her old home in Halifax County, Va., for interment. The funeral services were conducted by her former pastor, Rev. J. H. Bass. She leaves a mother, father and several brothers and sisters. Human sympathy is weak but it is all we have to offer the grief stricken ones so we commend them to Jesus who is able to comfort in the time of trials and "whose mercy endureth forever". "Not now, but in the coming years, It may be in the better land, We'll read the meaning of our tears, And there sometime, we'll understand."

ONE WHO LOVED HER.

THE NEWSPAPER.

"It is Read by all, it is Believed by Nearly all Its Responsibility is Tremendous."

(From address of Archbishop Ireland before the National Education Association.)

If I were to choose where, outside the class room for the general welfare of humanity, I should have devotion to truth prevail, I should name the newspaper. The newspaper is to-day pre-eminently the mentor of the people. It is read by all; it is believed by nearly all. Its influence is paramount; its responsibility is tremendous. Its province is to narrate facts—to give the truth, nothing but the truth, all truth; to allow both parties to a controversy to be heard; never to palliate or distort; never to omit when that which omitted may be relevancy in the formation of public opinion; never to publish the doubtful as certain, the mere gossip as well ascertained news; never, above all else, to put before readers error and falsehood. Journalism that is honest and honorable is one of the nation's most precious inheritances; that which places notoriety and pelf above truth and virtue, and adopts as its tactics the stunning sensation rather than the calm statement of facts, is one of the nation's direst calamities. Numerous in America is the journalism which is honest and honorable; here and there is found that which worships above all else notoriety and pelf. There is here a duty of conscience and of patriotism for Americans. May they ever be mindful of that duty.—News and Courier.

Killed by Lightning.

On Tuesday afternoon during the storm Miss Mary Windham, about 60 years old, was washing under a large tree in the yard of Mr. Charlie Hill, a few miles from Timmons-ville, when lightning struck the tree, stunning Miss Windham so badly that she died about thirty minutes afterward. A negro man was also under the tree, but was not hurt very much.

LAKE CITY DEPARTMENT

In charge of W. L. BASS, Esq.

Dog days have opened; so have the candidates.

Mrs. A. H. Williams and children have been on Sullivan's Island.

Mrs. Dolin Rollins, of Florence, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. B. F. Stanley.

Mess. W. E. Severance and R. H. Singletary went down to Kingstree Monday.

Miss Lois McCutchen, now of Latta, is visiting friends and school mates in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Brothers came down from Florence Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

Sales at the tobacco ware-houses begin each day at 11 a. m. and continue until all tobacco is disposed of.

Messrs. A. H. Williams & Co. have put a shingle machine in their mill and are now making shingles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Gandy, attended church here Sunday and spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blackwell.

Mrs. S. J. Lucas, of whose illness we made mention last week, returned home from Charleston Friday accompanied by Mrs. Bass, her daughter.

Mr. P. M. Moody came home a few days ago to recuperate from an attack of fever. That's the way it goes, when the boys go off and take sick they come back to get well.

Messrs. Moore & Stanley have purchased a lot on Dancing street from Mr. H. H. Singletary and are erecting a pack house on it. The lot adjoins the A. T. Co's pack house. This new building is two stories high.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Bass, of Hopkinsville, Ky., are out on a visit to relatives. They are accompanied by their children, Misses Dixie and Cornie and Oscar and Henry. They will spend some time here and in Florence county.

Several candidates left here Monday for the front. The first pitched battle took place at Johnsonville Tuesday. Foraging expeditions have been going on some time and will continue, going out hereafter and between regular engagements.

Mr. C. D. Joyner and Miss Corrie Mathews were married on last Thursday at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. R. Mathews, near Cowards. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate W. W. Graham. We hope a long and happy life are ahead of the young couple.

The little three year old child of Mr. Owen Rogers got hold of a box of lye Saturday morning and drank the contents. Medical aid was quickly rendered but too late to save the little one who died in a few hours. The burial took place Sunday afternoon at the McKenzie-burying ground. Our sympathies are with the bereaved father and mother.

Judge Baldwin has begun to grind the lawbreakers. Hannah Cockfield, who is a little off color, was up before him Friday for entry after notice. Wilson McCown was the prosecutor. Hannah is a daisy and bosses her ranch. The trial re-

sulted in an entry on the county treasurer's books. Fine paid. A good many tax dodgers have attended the Judge's "confessionals," but he granted absolution on payment in full.

There is a movement on foot to have the Coast Line build a tobacco depot. The present accommodations are inadequate. More regular freight passes through this station than any other between Florence and Charleston. The general depot is crowded at all times. The covered platform can do no more than accommodate the truck in the spring and the cotton in the fall and winter. It is absolutely necessary to have a place for tobacco, and the Railroad company should not hesitate in this matter nor put it off. Experienced tobacco men estimate that the company will receive in freights on the weed this season about \$15,000.00. Surely the company will cheerfully expend a few hundred dollars to accommodate this business.

Tobacco continues to pour in. The quantity sold is surprising and the prices astonishing. It is getting to be not unusual to see twenty five to thirty five thousand pounds on one floor any good day. One buyer sent off in one shipment last Tuesday of forty three hogsheads. This means about fifty thousand pounds. The highest price yet reached was on Friday when a pile put on the floor by Mr. A. D. Gaskins went off at 80 cents a pound. Others have realized 40 to 65 cents. One man brought in a load for which he said he wanted \$40. He put it under the Star hammer and got \$104.80. The weed is coming not only from this community but from Florence, Clarendon, Sumter and other counties. The great Pudding Swamp section is contributing mightily. It is nothing unusual to see heavily loaded wagons from way over Pee Dee River and from the Elin and Sardis neighborhoods.

Cades Chronicles.

J. N. Sauls has nearly completed his planing mill.

The addition to G. L. Sauls' store is nearing completion.

Mrs. W. A. Creech visited relatives at Society Hill last week.

Miss Ella Forte of Florence is visiting kith and kin near town.

Mr. Irving, a popular traveling salesman, was here a few days ago.

Mr. F. Forte of Florence visited relatives here several days last week.

Mr. James Matthews of Lake City was here a few days ago on business.

Mr. J. J. Matthews is boring an artesian well in the Baptist church yard.

There were good rains around here last week, but very little fell at Cades.

Nesmith Bros. are receiving their fall stock of goods, which is larger than usual.

Mr. J. P. Wheeler of Georgetown was here a few days ago greeting his host of friends.

Mr. A. A. May's fine buggy horse was severely cut a few days ago by a barb-wire fence.

*Rev. William Roof is conducting a protracted meeting at Beulah, beginning last Sunday.

Mrs. Hatfield, who has been spending some time here, has gone to New York to visit relatives.

A. A. May is making room in his already capacious store for the proper display of his fall stock.

Engineer Hall, of Savannah, and J. H. Cook, of Salters, are visiting Mr. A. A. May this week.

Mr. Walter Wilson, from Indian-town, reports crops as nearly ruined in his section by the drouth.

Miss Bessie Price returned last week from Georgetown, where she has been spending some time.

Mr. C. G. Carsten has harvested a fine lot of hay. Other farmers will do well to emulate his example.

G. J. Waters and family moved here last week from Columbia. We are always glad to welcome newcomers.

The cotton field of Mr. H. J. Brown is beginning to whiten, and he will soon have to begin to gather the fleecy staple.

A goodly number of the "youth and beauty" of Cades attended a picnic at Mr. Henry Foxworth's, at White Oak, last week.

The people of Cades are very much pleased with the "write-up" of the town which appeared in The Florence Daily Times last week.

Mr. Roland Mills of Epps has accepted a clerkship with Mr. A. A. May. We are glad to welcome this excellent young man among us.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Sauls left Saturday for Baltimore and other northern cities. Mr. Sauls will purchase his fall stock of goods while away.

Some evil person shot and killed a fine hog belonging to Mr. R. F. Epps a few days ago. Such malicious conduct should be severely punished.

The local base ball team has been reorganized with J. T. McElveen as captain. The boys say Mr. McElveen is a good leader and an admirable pitcher.

The entertainment at Mr. C. L. Smith's last Thursday night was a pleasant social event, and was greatly enjoyed by all who had the pleasure to attend.

Mr. A. J. Tomlinson, who was sick with fever in Florence for several days, was able to return home last week much to the delight of his friends around Cades.

Capt. C. E. Wheeler, candidate for county supervisor, denies the report that he voted for Haskell for Governor, and says he hopes the people will not believe the report.

Capt. W. E. McKnight, of Florence county, who is known in newspaper circles as "Peniel Bill," visited his mother, Mrs. S. C. McMnight, near here last week. We were glad to see him.

Rev. Wm. Roof has returned from Lexington county, where he has been spending a few days on business. He says the crops in that part of the State are above the average, especially the fruit crop.

Mr. King of Hartsville was here a few days ago seeing about the lumber for the Hartsville Company's ginnery. We are informed that a force of workmen from Hartsville will arrive here in a few days to begin the erection of this new enterprise.

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