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## THE OPENING GUN OF COUNTY CAMPAIGN

### FIRED AT KINGSTREE—TWO HUNDRED VOTERS LISTENED TO CANDIDATES' SPEECHES.

About 200 people listened to the county candidates yesterday when each presented his claim for preference over his competitor for the respective office to which he aspired. The meeting, which took place in the court house, was called to order by County Chairman Williams at 11:30 A.M. The occasion was marred by no unpleasant incident. All the candidates seemed to be in good humor and on pleasant terms with their opponents, the common claim being that each was running on his own merits and not the short-comings of his competitor. The candidates for all offices were allowed five minutes, except those for road engineer and solicitor, the engineers being allotted ten and the solicitors fifteen minutes.

The speakers were presented in the following order: J. J. B. Montgomery, a candidate for reelection for auditor without opposition, briefly thanked the people for past support.

G. J. Graham, who as a candidate for sheriff succeeds himself, expressed gratitude for the support accorded him in the past.

P. M. Brockinton, who is unopposed as candidate for another term as probate judge, in a graceful little speech thanked the people for the confidence shown in him and pledged his best efforts to serve them during the next four years.

H. O. Britton, another fortunate office-holder without opposition, explained that he was filling out an unexpired term as clerk of court and asked to be elected for the ensuing full term. Thanked the voters warmly for past favors.

J. G. McCullough, for superintendent of education, in addition to returning thanks for the support given him two years ago, which thanks are all the more fervent by reason of the fact that his re-election is uncontested, gave some interesting figures showing the development of the county in an educational way during the period of his incumbency. Two years ago there was only one school building (the one at Kingstree) valued

at \$1,000 or more, now there are twelve. Total value of school property, \$20,000 two years ago, is now \$60,000—an increase of 200 per cent in valuation. Williamsburg has also won two prizes of \$100 and \$50, respectively, for rural school improvement.

The first candidate for a contested office was M. S. Buffkin, who merely announced his candidacy for the office of coroner.

H. M. Burrows, as candidate for coroner, was absent, on account of the illness of his wife, it was explained.

R. K. Gamble, the present coroner, who offers for reelection, thanked the voters for their suffrage two years ago. Referred to war record of four years and to his valiant service in helping to maintain white supremacy in the parlous days of '76. "Bob" evoked applause and laughter by his naive assertion that he "served two years when he could have kept out of the war".

W. J. Godwin, another candidate for coroner, was absent on account of sickness, as was announced.

J. W. Cook, who followed, wants to be elected to a second term as county treasurer, or as he expressed it: "When the people have a good Cook they had better keep him".

R. B. Smith, who is also in the race for treasurer, referred to close race 2 years ago, therefore he is running again, giving other reasons why it was fitting that he enter the campaign this year.

B. B. Chandler was introduced as a candidate for the new office of road engineer. Stands on record made by previous service. Wants endorsement by the people as well as by the legislative delegation. Explained method of road building. Roads need drainage; under present conditions road plow costs county \$3,500 a year. Many useless bridges.

John M. Eaddy, who is running for the same office, finds delight in his heart, after a small canvass of county, at development of county and enlightenment of people. Time was when a half dozen men could write most of the tickets in a primary. Now times have changed. Tells who he is and why he is running. Thinks motive of road law a good one. Approves of drainage and explains his methods.

John E. Godwin, also a candidate for road engineer, said he comes to Kingstree on a dif-

ferent mission from any heretofore. If people will vote for him they will never regret it.

J. J. Graham announced his candidacy for road engineer and referred to past record. Tried to do duty as supervisor. Drainage important factor in road building. Talked about clay roads. Money spent on roads not wasted.

Mr. Godwin asked Mr. Graham to explain report that he (Godwin) was brought out to beat Singletary, Mr. Graham: "I knew nothing about Mr. Godwin's candidacy until I saw his announcement in the paper".

S. J. Singletary, the last of the road engineer candidates, said he was on trial before the voters of Williamsburg. Supervisor is bound to be "cussed", whether he does right or wrong. Has done as much in two years as any of his competitors did in same time. Believes new road law a good one.

Next came J. N. Hammet, a candidate for county commissioner. Doesn't look like a race horse, but is in race for county commissioner. Had three years experience and feels qualified.

G. G. Haselden, the other candidate for this office, was absent.

The legislative candidates, seven in number, came next.

Mr. W. D. Bryan stressed importance of good roads and, if elected, promised his best efforts to bring about improved highways. Defended new road law. Intention of delegation was to take the office out of politics, but he will endorse the man nominated in the legislature.

other candidates pledged themselves to do likewise.)

Mr. Bryan defended appropriations in reason for State colleges.

J. D. Carter said that as a taxpayer he feels that something is needed in our government. "Economy" is the subject he would discuss. Glad whiskey is out of this campaign. Taxable property 27 millions, legislature exceeds entire tax levy by \$200,000 in appropriations. Colleges could get along on less money without crippling their efficiency. Denies rumor as to being in clique or ring. Opposed to immigration bureau.

W. A. Fitch announced his candidacy for the legislature.

W. P. Gause said he was again a candidate at solicitation of friends. Stands flat-footed for prohibition. Wants to make the world brighter and better. Doesn't favor immigration. Has six boys and each boy has six sisters. Taxes high, but so is everything else. Opposed to lien law.

John S. Graham's conception of a legislator's qualification is intelligence, common-sense and character. Has had four terms' experience in the general assembly and feels better prepared to serve the people than ever before. Opposed to creation of new offices, also wants lien law repealed. Not in any ring or clique. Opposes compulsory education.

Messrs. R. H. Kellahan and T. B. Gourdin, the other two legislative candidates, were absent,

Mr. Kellahan being out of town and Mr. Gourdin unwell.

Two candidates for solicitor were present, Messrs. McLaughlin and Stoll. Both made excellent speeches, but lack of space forbids even an attempt at a synopsis of what they said.

The audience was generous with applause, all the candidates receiving it in greater or smaller measure. Those identified closest with Kingstree were naturally favorites.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Bryan took a "hand primary" on whether or not those present preferred the road engineer appointed by the delegation or elected by the people. Fifty-four voted for the appointment by the delegation and 20 for election by the people. More than 100 people present did not vote at all.

We ask pardon for any errors or omissions in this hastily written report, prepared late yesterday afternoon and rushed into type to get it printed this week. Certainly we have tried to be fair to every candidate, although we are able to report what was said only in the briefest way on account of the number of speeches made, and the short time we have to get the type set.

### Bids Wanted,

Bids for the installation of Steel fixtures and Concrete floors and Fireproofing of offices in Basement of County Court House at Kingstree, S. C., will be received at the County Supervisor's office in Kingstree, S. C., on or before 10 A. M., August 21, 1908. Plans and specifications are on inspection at said office, and at the office of Ernest V. Richards, Architect, Bennettsville, S. C. Supervisor to receive all the usual rights.

S. J. SINGLETARY,  
Supervisor.

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### Special Notice.

Residents of clubs who have not yet forwarded lists of managers for their respective precincts in the ensuing primary election will appoint managers at once and send in their names to C. W. Wolfe, Sec'y, Kingstree, S. C.

A. H. WILLIAMS,  
County Chairman.

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### Trespass Notice.

All persons are hereby warned against hunting, fishing, cutting timber, or in any other trespassing on the lands of the undersigned in Anderson Township. Any one disregarding this notice will be vigorously prosecuted.

W. A. MOORE.

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## TOPICS OF THE TOWN TERSELY TOLD.

### LAKE CITY SADDENED BY DEATH OF A NOBLE YOUNG WOMAN—OTHER NEWS.

LAKE CITY, August 12: Miss Ella Morris died on last Saturday, the 8th instant, after an illness of about four weeks. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. J. J. Morris, and leaves surviving her, her father, one sister and two brothers, besides other relatives. The funeral services were held in the Methodist church Sunday morning, conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. J. Bethea, and the interment immediately thereafter was in the Askins cemetery on Church street.

Miss Morris was an exceptionally fine and influential character and a sketch of her life and an estimate of her worth will appear next week. It was impossible to complete the article in time to have it published in this issue.

Mrs. A. H. Williams, Miss Ruth Williams and some of the other children have gone to Saluda.

Mr. H. G. Sheridan, the superintendent of our school, was here last week arranging for the opening of the next term, which opening will be on September 7. There are two vacancies in the corps of teachers, the second one being made by death. One of these vacancies will be probably be filled in a day or two.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Askins leave Friday for Hendersonville, N. C., for a few weeks.

Messrs. J. C. Young, B. W. Moore, W. A. Fitch and C. F. Stuckey are awake to the importance of drainage and have organized themselves into a company to be known as Moore-Young Drainage Co., and will proceed at once to build a system of ditches and drains that will thoroughly drain their plantations. No wiser or more significant move for the improvement of farm lands has yet been made than this one, and it is hoped that the example of these gentlemen will be followed throughout the country.

Judge J. H. V. Gaskins has gone to Charleston this week.

Rev. S. C. Morris, who was here several days at the bedside of his sister who died Saturday, has returned to his home in Anderson.

Dr. A. H. Williams was in Colleton a portion of last week.

W. L. B.

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