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MAYOR GRACE COMES BACK AT GOV BLEASE.

SAYS "HIS NASTY THREATS ARE IN KEEPING WITH HIS CHARACTER."

The campaign meeting held at Charleston Friday night of last week was one of the most strikingly interesting to those outside of Charleston that has taken place since the campaign opened. It was generally supposed that Governor Blease would have a lot of verbal bouquets to hand out to the voters of "the City by the Sea," and he did, although there were more thistles than roses and required the utmost complacency on the part of the good people of Charleston to accept them even for consideration. Here is one of the "bunch" he delivered:

"I will be Governor the last part of August of this year and for the months of September, October, November, December and twenty-one days in January, and if you want injunction and metropolitan police, vote for Jones, and for the rest of this year and for the next two I will do my best to give it to you."

Naturally this among many others aroused the Mayor who in a lengthy reply, says:

"Of course it was anticipated by me that Governor Blease would be compelled at the Charleston meeting to take notice of, and, if he could, answer the charges which I have so publicly made against him. There was no escape from this necessity. The only matter over which I had any doubts was whether or not I should attend the meeting, and with my own ears hear what he had to say. My friends practically unanimously advised me against it. But I determined, that come what might, it was my duty to go to the meeting. As a Democrat, I have never missed any of these meetings, and the only thing that could have kept me away would have been whatever others might have thought of it, cowardice on my part.

"Moreover, what did it matter what Blease said? Did he not in the very speech in which he so violently by indirection, denounced me, also give utterance to the rankest indecencies and anarchy? Think of a Governor replying as to how he stood on the beer question by shouting that if his questioner (in violation of the law) would bring him up to the stage a drink of beer he would be better able to answer the question. Of course, it was grilling for me to have to sit and listen to Blease's lies. The idea of his making it appear that the beginning of our troubles was when he refused to appoint a negro notary public, whose appointment, by the way, I had asked only as a favor to gentlemen in Charleston who were not then, nor have ever been, my political friends. Are Messrs Nathans and Sinkler also negro lovers? And do they believe in social equality? Certainly not. It is almost sickening to have to answer such tommy-rot.

"There was but one cause, and that was (as I said in a published

article recently), Blease had broken his public promise and his private word. I expected him to be Governor of South Carolina and when he was elected I was happy. Any intimation by him that I wished to usurp those functions is more than absurd. In the presence of many others he asked me if I would name a man for chief constable, and in their presence I denounced the whole proposition, and said that I would hold him to his word not to appoint any, as I knew and had told him in writing, that they would be grafters. They have since demonstrated it. What more proof does he need?

"Talk about facing Stothart! Witness after witness under oath faced Stothart, and then finally Stothart faced himself, and looking himself and his own guilt, (and, I believe, Blease's mountainous guilt) in the eye, he refused to answer on the grounds that it might incriminate himself. Why didn't Blease read the constable letter—the letter of prophetic warning which I wrote him, and in which I told him that he had broken his word, rather than switch off on the irrelative tangent of alleged social equality?

"Of course, his nasty threat about the metropolitan police is in keeping with the rest of his character, but it is in no way disquieting. If it means anything it means simply this: Up to August 27, no matter what the people of Charleston do, the constables will stay here as graft agents. On August 28, if by their votes, the people of Charleston have resented his dirty administration, he will take it as a sufficient crisis in the history of the State to justify his resort to whatever extraordinary power he can stretch the laws to mean. The metropolitan police bill has been repealed, but he refers to some vague, obsolete power whereunder a sort of martial law might be foisted upon us—a power, of course, under our institutions necessarily lodging in our Executive, if upon any rare occasion a city held itself in open rebellion against State authority.

"That such conditions in Charleston could suddenly spring up overnight upon his defeat could only appeal to his diseased and lawless mind and were he even so disposed, he would find that the Courts of South Carolina, for which he professes such utter contempt, would stay his vengeful hand.

"We know that Charleston also too long has bent under the fear of usurpation, but I believe that there is

still pride and resentment left, and from now until election day I expect to call upon her people by their unanimous vote to spurn the bribe of peace at the price of independence, and I ask them now in the language of Patrick Henry, 'Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?'

Mr M W Driver of Chester, former superintendent of the Eureka Mill has accepted the position of superintendent of New Century Cotton Mills, at South Boston, Va, and will leave this week to take up his new duties, though his family expect to remain in Chester some time yet. Mr Driver will purchase an interest in the plant and in addition to being superintendent will be a member of the board of directors and general manager. Mr Driver is one of the most efficient cotton mill men in the South and the New Century Mills are exceedingly fortunate in securing his services.

Look out for the new ad of the Kingstree Dry Goods Co next week.

BUDGET FROM THE BORDER CITY.

A SAFE AND SANE FOURTH MUCH ENJOYED—PERSONAL MENTION, ETC.

Lake City, July 10:—The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church celebrated the Fourth with a parade and baby show. Many carriages, buggies, automobiles, floats, carts and bicycles were gaily and handsomely decorated for the occasion. The parade started from the Methodist church lawn and thence through the principal thoroughfares of the city. Dr Eaddy's automobile won the blue ribbon for the best decorated car; Mr B L Stewart for the best carriage; Will Epps for the best cart and Miss Annie Stokes for the most original decorated bicycle.

The baby show was a most charming picture, most of Lake City's future citizens being very much in evidence. Each of the babies in their respective carriages or carts was most beautifully and picturesquely decorated, and it was a very difficult matter to decide which was the best.

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The judges, Mesdames Huggins of Hot Springs, Ark, and Wooten of Magnolia, N C, gave the three prizes offered to the following babies: for the prettiest baby, to little Miss Pauline Rollins, daughter of Dr and Mrs C D Rollins; for the best decorated carriage, Miss Margaret Rickenbaker, little daughter of Mr and Mrs J F Rickenbaker; for the handsomest boy, Master Horace Joyner, son of Mr and Mrs R F Joyner. Little Miss Sadie McElveen won the blue ribbon in the White Stocking brigade.

Mr L A Winston has returned home after attending the meeting of the State Tobacco Buyers' association at Old Point Comfort, Va.

Mrs Huggins and Miss Gladys Sauls of Hot Springs, Ark, are the guests of Mr and Mrs G L Sauls.

Mr Timmons Cockfield of Savannah, Ga, is on a visit to friends and relatives at this place.

Misses Lottie Woods of Florence and Margaret Woods of Sardinia are the charming and popular guests of Dr and Mrs M A Woods.

A number of Lake City folk went to Darlington on the Fourth, most of them going in cars and returning the same day.

Miss Lula Coker, the accomplished daughter of Mr and Mrs David Coker, left Sunday night for Dallas, Tex, where she goes to complete her studies in music. It is said that Miss Coker will be gone for 12 or 15 months.

Mesdames H V Epps and W H Woods left Friday morning for Wilson, N C, to visit their sister, Mrs L O Holloway.

Dr A H Williams and Mr Geo C Haselton have returned from the bankers' convention at the Isle of Palms.

Miss Louise George of Aiken is spending some time with her sister, Mrs C H King.

Miss Olive Sturgeon has returned home after spending a while with her aunt, Mrs Joye, at Sumter.

Judge O S Baldwin returned Monday night after a very much enjoyed trip to Hot Springs, Ark.

Mrs Bertha C Myers of Norfolk, Va, left last Monday for her home, after spending a while with her cousin, Mrs H Nachman.

Miss Olivia Stuckey spent a few

days last week with friends and relatives at Timmonsville and Darlington.

Mr S D Rickenbaker has returned after a pleasant trip to Georgia.

Messrs Sam Caldwell, Wilbur Jones, A H Williams, Jr, and W J Singletary spent the Fourth in town with relatives.

The tobacco warehouses will open formally on Thursday, July 11. All of the warehouses are already filled to their capacity with tobacco. From all indications the opening day will be the largest in the history of the market. Lake City has one of the largest corps of buyers in any market in this State, and we hope to be able to retain the honor of being the leader in South Carolina. P H A.

SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN

Meeting to be Held in Kingstree Next Tuesday.

Next Tuesday, July 16, will be Senatorial Campaign day in Kingstree, at which time all candidates for the United States Senate and Congress, and all candidates for the office of Solicitor are expected to be present and make speeches, setting forth their claims to the respective positions and the principles upon which they hope to obtain the same.

County officers are also expected to participate at this meeting and tell the people of Williamsburg county why and whom they should elect as their Representative in the General Assembly. There are a number of candidates in the field for this office and it is hoped that each one will be on hand next Tuesday to defend his right and title to the same, and that all candidates will do so without resorting to such mud slinging tactics as have been characteristic of the State campaign meetings.

It is further hoped and desired that all candidates for minor county offices will be in Kingstree on that day in the interest of his candidacy, as well as every elector.

It has not yet been determined just where the meeting will be held but it is highly probable that it will take place in the court house. Let every voter in the county who can, manifest his interest in the affairs of his State and county by his presence in Kingstree. Come early and spend the day.

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