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## BETHEA OUT FOR GOVERNOR.

ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY AND PLATFORM--FOURTH TO ENTER SENATORIAL ASPIRANTS.

"I am both a conscript and volunteer in the race for Governor in 1918, and I expect to win," is the emphatic and striking way in which Andrew J. Bethea, Lieutenant Governor, has announced his intention to enter the race for Governor next year. Mr. Bethea stated that his announcement was made at this time in response to insistent demands of friends in all parts of the State.

"There is ample time," he continued, "in which to discuss issues and publish platforms, and besides, the people know my position on the vital questions of the day. I have never dodged an issue or shirked a duty. I stand now, as heretofore, for a clean, or progressive government with the State—a fair and just government to be administered for poor and rich alike. I stand also, as I have 99 per cent of the citizens of South Carolina stand, for loyal and unquestionable support of the President and the National Government in the present crisis.

I crave the opportunity to be of service to my fellow man, to help the man on the farm, in the factory, in the bank, behind the counter, in the school room, at the desk, on the railroad, at the shop and in the office, and I believe that the circumstances of my birth and training, the twelve years' experience I have had, in the three branches of the State government, and the opportunities I have had to study and observe conditions as they exist in the world today fit me for what I hope to do. If I am elected I shall strive to enlist the cooperation and support of every man, woman and child in South Carolina in an effort to make the State better and the people happier. To my friends I wish at this time only to repeat the words of Woodrow Wilson: "Let us all speak, act and serve together."

Mr. Bethea's announcement is the fourth made for Governor, with at least another in contemplation, Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens, made known some time ago that he is an aspirant for gubernatorial honors; Thomas H. Peebles of Barnwell, Attorney General, in unequivocally in the race, according to his statement, and William A. Stuckey, in a recent announcement, said he would try

for the governorship despite whosoever else was in the race.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Bethea have been identified continuously with the anti-Blease faction and the other two candidates have been supporters of the Newberry partisan leader.

There has been a deal of unofficial talk in political circles that the so-called "reform" or Blease faction, at a contemplated convention here, will nominate Major John G. Richards, of Liberty Hill, chairman of the Railroad Commission, as its candidate for Governor. However, neither Major Richards nor former Governor Blease will verify this rumor.

Up to the present time there have been only two candidates announced for United States Senate—N. B. Dial, of Laurens, and W. Jasp Talbert, of McCormick county, the former running as an independent, but identified with the majority faction of the State, and the latter an exponent of Blease principles. Mr. Talbert was chairman of the convention which met in Columbia on the night of Oct. 24, 1916, and launched the so-called "reform" party. Senator Tillman recently issued a statement in which he said that he would enter the race for re-election if the people of the State would "conscript" him. It is known that several other senatorial aspirants are waiting Senator Tillman's decision before they decide whether they will run or not.

Up to the present former Governor Blease has not definitely announced whether he will be in the race. The general supposition, based on his various statements that he will serve in any capacity in which he is placed by his faction, is that he will make the race. He, however, has made no direct statement to that effect.

Congressman A. F. Lever, of the Seventh congressional district, has been prominently talked of as a successor to Senator Tillman because of his unswerving loyalty to the national administration and his patriotic work for his country, but he also has not announced his political plans for the future. It is not believed, however, that Congressman Lever will make the race if Senator Tillman decides to run for re-election.

Others spoken of unofficially as possible candidates for the United States Senate are R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston; W. P. Pollock, of Cheraw, and L. D. Sennings, of Sumner. None of these men, however, has stated publicly whether they would allow themselves to be put into the

race, either by their friends or by themselves. It is known that many of the friends of Sam J. Nicholls, of Spartanburg, Congressman from the Fourth district, are urging him to run for the Senate, but it is probable that Mr. Nicholls will be in the race for re-election to the office to which he was elected by such a large majority last year.

### Florence Lad Shoots Himself.

Linwood Spencer, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Spencer, of 118 South Gaillard street, Florence, accidentally shot and killed himself last Saturday. Young Spencer and two of his young friends, Alfeus Neely and Taylor, had gone out to the old federal stockade, beyond the National cemetery, to gather nuts in the swamp. Spencer carried a rifle, and while standing under a hickory tree looking for nuts, the rifle fired, the ball entering his body and ranging upward through the heart. His companions, from whom he had become separated, knew nothing of the accident until later.

Mr. Harris and Dr. Moore, of Lake City, who were visiting the historic old prison, found the dead body and reported the matter. The body was taken to Florence and carried to the Spencer home. The lad's father is a machinist at the Charleston Navy Yard.

### Fatal Accident in Florence County.

Silas Eaddy, a negro, was killed and two white men, Messrs. Bridges Cook and John Taylor, were seriously injured Friday by a boiler explosion at the sawmill of Mr. W. S. Gardner.

Fred Gardner, son of the proprietor, was slightly injured, while Henry Singletary, a negro, was considerably bruised.

The mill was in full operation when without warning the boiler burst. The force of the explosion was terrific. The negro Eaddy was instantly killed. The plant was wrecked. Pieces of the boiler were blown at least 200 feet. A number of people, including the workmen, were about the mill, and it is considered wonderful that more were not killed or wounded. The sawmill is situated in the Evergreen section of the county. The boiler had been used for about twelve years and was thought to be in the best condition. The cause of the explosion is unknown.—*Florence Times of Friday.*

### Site for Nitrate Plant.

Washington, October 16.—Sheffield, Ala., as a site for one of the nitrate plants for which Congress appropriated \$20,000,000, was announced today by the war department. The site is on the Tennessee river, near Muscle Shoals. The plant is to manufacture ammonia and nitric acid. Agreement has been reached between the government and owners of the land as to the price to be paid for the site.

### Locals Items from Salters.

Salters, October 15.—The weather continues fine, though somewhat dry and dusty. Cotton is being picked rapidly.

E. T. Hamer motored over to Sumter Monday on business, taking with him Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Salters, Mrs. Jas. A. Ferrell and Miss Eunice Ferrell.

We were pleased to have with us Saturday night and Sunday Messrs. J. G. Liffage, Jr., E. E. and J. T. David of Camp Jackson, Columbia, who were home on furlough. They returned Sunday night and Monday morning.

Mrs. M. N. Sparks spent Sunday in Manning with relatives.

Mr. Rion McCown of Florence spent Friday here on business.

Salters Rural School Improvement association met and reorganized Friday afternoon, the following officers being elected to serve the ensuing year: President, Rev. W. I. Sinnott; vice president, Mrs. T. E. Salters; secretary and treasurer, Miss Lorena Liffage. We hope for a year of much improvement in the school work.

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## LIVE STOCK LOST IN STOCKYARD FIRE

ELEVEN THOUSAND CATTLE LOST IN KANSAS CITY BLAZE—FIRE-BUGS ARE ACCUSED

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 16.—Reports that the fire which destroyed a large portion of the Kansas City stock yards and today resulted in the death of approximately 11,000 cattle and 3,300 hogs was of an incendiary origin persisted tonight although discredited by officials of the corporation owning the yards.

While no definite fire damage estimates have as yet been made, insurance adjusters and officials of the stock yards corporation place the loss at approximately \$750,000.

Heavy insurance was carried, both upon the buildings of the stock yard and upon the live stock, but the amount has not been announced.

Investigations were made during the day by J. E. Marvin, fire warden, and Ghief John Egner of the Kansas City Fire Department. Both men believe that the fire was set, but declared that the area is so devastated that no indications of an incendiary origin could have escaped the flames.

The statement of the officers is based largely upon the assertions of Lieut. E. J. Bishop of the first fire company to arrive at the yards after the alarms had been received, who said that three fires were burning fully 2,000 yards apart in different portions of the yards.

George R. Collet, general manager of the stock yards, declared he believed the fire resulted from natural causes, and that the wind had blown sparks from the first fire, starting the other two blazes. Private detectives, however, were said to be investigating the incendiary rumors.

The work of clearing away the debris for the reconstruction of the destroyed pens and buildings began at once.

Receiving and selling will be resumed in the stock yards in the morning in all classes of live stock except stockers and feeders in the cattle class, according to Mr. Collet. An embargo on this class will be necessary until next Monday, he declares.

### White Sox Win Championship.

The Chicago Americans have won the sixth and deciding game of the 1917 diamond classic, 4 to 2. The White Sox victory gives the Middle West metropolis the world's series championship for the first time in almost a decade.

After winning the first two games on their home field, and losing the next two at the Polo Grounds, the Chicago clan clinched the gonfalon with two straight victories, one at Cominsky Park and the other at the lair of the Giants. The New York club did not go down to defeat without desperate resistance. The battle was surcharged with sensational situations and thrilling plays, but the invading combination with the edge of a one game lead was not to be denied.

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## PRIVATE WHIPPED AT WADSWORTH

INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED BRUTAL TREATMENT—FOUR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ACCUSED OF DEED

Spartanburg, Oct. 16.—An investigation is in progress in the 105 field artillery, the old Second, involving an alleged brutal whipping said to have been administered to Private Otto Gottschalk, of Dattery D, last Saturday by four non-commissioned officers, said to have been acting under orders of Captain Howard E. Sullivan. The nature of Gottschalk's offense is not revealed and no official comment is to be had on the matter further than the admission on the part of the officers that the investigation is in progress and that a report on the whole matter will be submitted to Brig. Gen. Phillips, probably tomorrow.

According to the story going around camp, Gottschalk was stripped and beaten by the non-commissioned officers while Capt. Sullivan looked on the performance. Gottschalk was confined to his tent this afternoon and showed signs of his treatment by bruises on his hands. Capt. Sullivan, when asked today for a statement, declined to discuss the matter, and referred newspaper men to Capt. Freganiers, the regimental adjutant, who also expressed the opinion that the public was not concerned in the incident.

Col. George A. Wingate, who is acting commander of the brigade, said the matter had been reported to him on Sunday and as brigadier commander he had reported the affair to Gen. Phillips. Col. Wingate said the report of the matter, together with recommendations, will go to the commanding general tomorrow.

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## SECOND DRAFT MAY COME IN DECEMBER

WAR DEPARTMENT DISCUSSING SECOND INCREMENT TO FILL UP GAPS.

Washington, October 17.—Discussion of the advisability of expediting the call for the second increment of the draft army, now in progress at the war department and it appears likely that the date may be fixed for some time in December or January.

Mobilization of the first increment of 688,000 men is now far enough advanced to show clearly that there will be a big deficiency for the Seventeenth national army division. More than 250,000 of the first increment are still to be assembled, but it already is evident that there will be available at the sixteen cantonment quarters for an additional regiment at each post and at some for a full brigade of two regiments.

### Exchange Old Books For New Ones!

John E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, emphasizes that many teachers in the public schools and patrons have thoughtlessly failed to insist on the right to exchange old textbooks for the new or recently adopted textbooks. Any dealer refusing to exchange any new book for the reduced price when the old book is offered in part payment is liable to a fine of \$25. The exchange price of every State adopted book is printed or pasted on the inside front cover.

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