

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT CHOSEN

WILLIAM SPENCER CURRELL, LECTURER AND SCHOLAR, IS CHOSEN PRESIDENT.

Board of Trustees Express Its Appreciation of Work of Dean Who Has Been Acting President for Months—New President Born in Charleston.

Columbia, July 15.—William Spencer Currell, a South Carolinian, who has been at the head of the department of English of Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va., for the last 20 years, was yesterday elected president of the university to succeed Dr. S. C. Mitchell, who resigned several months ago and has since been elected president of the University of Delaware.

After the meeting of the board of trustees of the university yesterday the following statement was issued in regard to the election of Dr. Currell as the president of the university.

"The board of trustees of the University of South Carolina today elected Dr. William Spencer Currell as president. This action was taken after mature and careful consideration and after many names had been considered. Dr. Currell was most highly recommended by personal friends and acquaintances—the first suggestion of his name coming to a member of the board in personal conversation with Col. Aubrey Coward, who had known Dr. Currell as a lad in Yorkville, where the elder Currell had been a successful teacher. This suggestion was followed, as Dr. Currell was in no way a candidate for the place and overtures were made him. Later on a special committee of four members of the board went to Richmond, where for an entire day the representatives of the board and Dr. Currell went over the matter and at today's meeting Dr. Currell's name was formally presented by a special committee of six, known as the 'president's committee.'

"The board was anxious to secure as the head of the university a South Carolinian of the highest character, of culture and who at the same time could and would continue the excellent outside work inaugurated by Dr. S. C. Mitchell while he was president of the university. The purpose of the board is for the president of the institution, wherever he can, to spread the evangel of education and for this Dr. Currell is especially suited, long having been recognized as a public speaker of rare attractiveness.

"Dr. Currell was born 56 years ago in Charleston and as a boy lived in this State, and his connections and people are still essentially South Carolina. He was called out of the State to occupy chairs in the department of English, first at Hampden-Sidney, then at Davidson and for 20 years has been at the head of the department of English at Washington and Lee.

"The board found from its inquiries that Dr. Currell was a man of the highest character, of lovable disposition, a fine speaker and that he had the utmost confidence and admiration of all who have ever been associated with him and his 'boys' were enthusiastic about him.

"The board at its meeting today took occasion to unanimously adopt resolutions thanking Dr. A. C. Moore, who has been acting president of the university for some time, and to record its highest appreciation of his excellent administration and the patriotic and zealous spirit that he has thrown into the work.

"Gov. Blease sent a letter to the board, stating that he could not be present on account of the campaign meeting, but asked that he be recorded as voting for Dr. Moore as president. His letter was recorded in the minutes.

"The board acted upon a number administrative matters that had to be considered and adjourned for two weeks."

William Spencer Currell was born in Charleston on May 13, 1858. He was the son of William and Agnes Wilkie Currell. He received the degree of bachelor of arts and bachelor of pedagogy from Washington and Lee university in 1878, the degree of master of arts in 1879 and the degree of doctor of philosophy in 1882 from the same institution.

On June 28, 1888, Dr. Currell married Miss Sarah Scott of Carrington, Va. He was professor of English of Hampden-Sidney college, Va., from 1882 to 1886. In 1886 he was elected to the chair of English at Davidson college, N. C. He severed his connection with Davidson in 1895 to become professor of English and modern languages at Washington and Lee university at Lexington, Va., where he has held his chair of English since 1899. Dr. Currell's popularity as a lecturer is attested by the fact that he has frequently appeared on the more prominent chautauqua circuits. He contributed to the "Library of Southern Literature" an admirable sketch of Dr. Edward Southern Joyner, professor emeritus of modern languages at the University of South

GUNTER SUCCEEDS TATE.

SWEARINGEN SELCTS RURAL SCHOOL SUPERVISOR.

New Official of State Department of Education is Well Known School Man.

Columbia, July 15.—Lucoo Gunter, superintendent of the Rock Hill schools, was yesterday appointed State supervisor of rural schools to succeed W. K. Tate, who resigned some time ago to accept the chair of rural life in George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

"The acceptance of Mr. Gunter means much to the country schools of the State," said J. E. Swearingen, State superintendent of education, in discussing the appointment.

A native of Alken county, Mr. Gunter received his early education in a country school. He was graduated from the University of South Carolina in the class of 1900. After one year's successful teaching in the school at Waverly, he was elected to teach in the Presbyterian high school at Columbia.

In 1903 he removed to Beaufort and remained there at the head of the school system for seven years. In September, 1910, he returned to Columbia as assistant to the State superintendent of education. The following summer he was asked to accept the superintendency of the public schools of Rock Hill, where he has done three years of eminently constructive work.

At the Spartanburg meeting of the State Teachers' association last March, he was elected president of the department of city and town superintendents. He is also a member of the general commission on education created last year by the State Baptist convention.

"The new supervisor," said Mr. Swearingen, "is emphatically a school builder. While in Beaufort he led the movement that resulted in the modern \$20,000 school building of that city. His first movement on entering upon his duties at Rock Hill was the erection of two new school houses in the Manchester-Aragon suburb and in the Highland park suburb. Later, he led the campaign for a \$75,000 bond issue for school purposes. The Central school was thoroughly remodeled at a cost of \$23,000, and last June the new high school building was completed at a cost of \$32,000. This last building has been pronounced the best adapted high school structure in the State. This varied building experience thoroughly qualifies Mr. Gunter to cooperate in the movement for better school houses in the rural districts.

"He has always stood for thoroughness and efficiency in the classroom. Special attention to the elementary grades and to the problems of school attendance has always characterized his 14 years of school work. As an educator he is thoroughly in sympathy with every effort to improve and strengthen the public school system."

He will enter actively upon the duties of his position as soon as he can remove from Rock Hill to Columbia.

GOV. BLEASE ASKS AID.

Issues Proclamations Calling for Contributions for Laurens and York Storm Sufferers.

Columbia, July 13.—Gov. Blease has issued proclamations asking aid for the sufferers from the recent wind, rain and hail storms in York and Laurens counties. The citizens of the State are called upon to contribute according to their means. In order that the funds may be properly distributed contributions should be sent to the following men whose names are given in the proclamation:

For York county—W. D. Grist, Yorkville; Dr. T. N. Dulin, Bethel, Yorkville; R. F. D.; John T. Roddy, Rock Hill; W. B. Byers, Rock Hill; R. M. Barnett, Yorkville; R. F. D. No. 6; W. W. Stanton, Clover; R. F. D.; C. L. Cobb, Rock Hill.
For Laurens county—G. A. Brown, Jr., Goldville; Mayor Clarence M. Babb, Laurens; Mayor John R. Copeland, Clinton.

TWO AVIATORS MEET DEATH.

Aeroplane of Russian Officers Collapses.

O'-hakov, Russia, July 15.—Two more Russian army aviators, Capt. Jessipow and his mechanic, were killed today when their aeroplane collapsed during a flight.

Hanged for Murder of His Sweetheart.

Paris, Ark., July 15.—Arthur Tillman, 22 years of age, was hanged today for the murder of his sweetheart, Amanda Stephens, last March. Both families are prominently connected. He protested his innocence to the last.

Carolina. Dr. Currell is widely known for his contributions to various magazines and reviews as well as for his interesting and scholarly lectures.

Dr. Currell is now in New York delivering a series of lectures at the University of the City of New York.

FOLK DENOUNCES BLEASE.

BAMBERG CHAIRMAN SCORES GOVERNOR'S CONDUCT THERE.

Candidates Show Considerable Fire But Crowd Listens Respectfully With Little Heckling.

Bamberg, July 15.—The meeting of candidates for State offices here today furnished an attack on the governor for his behavior at the senatorial campaign meeting in Bamberg by H. C. Folk, county chairman and presiding officer at the meeting. Mr. Folk did not mince his words and there was but one attempt, which failed, to interrupt him in his bitter attack on the action and character of the governor.

All candidates for State offices were given a courteous reception and respectful attention. The few attempts at heckling were quieted down and the meeting was in sharp contrast to the factional feeling displayed at the meeting in Alken yesterday. The crowd was in a good humor and appeared to be for the most part in opposition to the policies of the administration.

The bitterness among the candidates for minor offices is increasing and many of them today indulged themselves in rather violent attacks on the public records of their opponents.

Sarcastic allusions to the platforms of fellow candidates and a defense of the newspapers and their work featured the speeches of the aspirants for the office of the chief executive.

The meeting was called to order at 10.30 o'clock by H. C. Folk, county chairman, in a shady hollow near the Southern railway tracks. The Rev. W. H. Hodges offered the invocation.

Chairman Folk in opening the meeting read a statement in regard to the senatorial campaign meeting held in Bamberg. He made a vitriolic attack on the action of the governor at that meeting, when he tore up a telegram and spat upon it. Mr. Folk said in part:

"I want to thank those of this audience who were present at the senatorial campaign meeting for the splendid order that, under the circumstances, was maintained and for giving each speaker an attentive hearing.

"I commend you especially because had I realized, as many of you did, what happened I would not have remained silent as you did, and the governor, notwithstanding the presence of his armed bodyguard, would have apologized then and there or he would not have spoken from our platform that day.

"My unfortunate physical disability—blindness in one eye—prevented, or rather spared me, from witnessing the disgraceful spectacle of the governor of our proud old State, tearing up and, as an insult to the Democratic party of which I am the head in this county, spitting upon a paper containing pertinent and legitimate questions propounded in the name of the Democracy of Bamberg county by the chairman of this meeting.

"Such an act can not be justified or approved of by even his most blinded and partisan followers and was but a spontaneous portrayal, by himself, of his ill-breeding and the lowness and dirtiness of his character. It would be ugly in the extreme coming from the ignorant lackey boy around a third class livery stable, where the governor probably learned his code of manners, but utterly unpardonable coming as it did from the governor of a proud State.

"This insult was primarily aimed at me, no doubt, but it was no less an insult to every Democrat of the county, for, by virtue of your votes, I am the head and spokesman of our party and an insult to me as your county chairman is an insult to every Democrat in the county and should be re-acted as such.

"But why did not the governor answer the questions? They were simple, pertinent and legitimate and read as follows:

"Telegram. 'In the primary you swore to support the nominees of the party. I supported you as the nominee for governor. Are you supporting me as the nominee for master? If not, why not?' Answer.

(Signed) "H. C. Folk."
"Question. 'Is a man who violates his oath at the ballot box a fit person to send to the United States senate?'"

"These were the questions. Why did he not answer them? Surely he did not find himself in a hole from which he could not extricate himself by foul if not by fair means.

"But it is a fact that he did not answer, and by his failure to do so has he not admitted that he perjured himself at the ballot box? Has he not admitted that one who perjured himself at the ballot box is unfit to be sent to the United States senate? These are legitimate conclusions to be drawn from his actions and by them he stands self-convicted of the charges preferred.

"Why, then, does he not retire from the race?
"Oh, he says he stands as the friend

AFTER HUERTA, WHAT?

MEXICO CITY DOES NOT KNOW WHAT TO EXPECT.

The Ex-Dictator Said to Be Fleeing to the Coast and His Successor is Waiting to Learn What Policy Carranza Will Pursue.

Mexico City, July 16.—With Gen. Huerta fleeing to the coast, Carbaljal installed as provisional president and heavy forces of troops and police ready to prevent disorder, the tension here is acute today. A large body of soldiers kept a sharp vigil all night, but the city remained quiet.

The resignation of Huerta was brought about by many months of patient work by the diplomatic corps. The next step will be the endeavor to induce Gen. Carranza to deal amicably with Carbaljal for the establishment of an ad interim government to hold authority until an election can be held. Foreigners have been assembled in concentrated zones, and are strongly advised to keep off the streets. The resignation of Huerta was not generally known in the city until this morning.

NEW HOPE DAY.

Large Number of Former Members and Friends Attend.

Well, the congregation pulled off that affair known as New Hope Day, as stated in your paper, and it was quite a success. Among the visitors from a distance, as friends or former members, we mention Mr. Joe Macfield, his wife, and Miss Eva. Mr. Frank Baker and family, Miss Addie Cato of your city. Among our neighbors were Judge Gillis, Willie Vinson, Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Carrie Jones, Mr. Charlie Baker and son, Lem, Davis G. Brown and son, Author, and others.

Mr. J. Frank Williams delighted us with a plain, practical address. Everyone seemed so pleased with the occasion that they have expressed a desire for its repetition in the years to come.

One of the pleasant features of the occasion was the meeting of Mr. H. C. Bethea with a number of his old pupils, for he taught a number of years in this and adjoining community.

On Saturday, the first installment in the persons of Genevieve Langley and Dorothy Manning, of the house party at the home of Mrs. H. C. Bethea arrived, then on Monday Carrie Marguerite Lenoir of Camden, Emma and Amanda McLeod of Sumter, and later Elizabeth and Kate Reames of Rembert. When last heard from they were having a jolly good time eating melons, swimming, romping in the barn loft where they spun many a tale feeding the stock, bringing in the cow, riding horseback, driving, boating, fishing, bathing and playing, besides pranks on Mr. Bethea, various games. One of the funniest things was the trot Emma took, when the cow ran with her.

On Thursday, July 9th, the Sabbath school of Bethesda church held its annual picnic on the church grounds, attended by the community around and folks at Hagood. A splendid address was delivered by Lacy U. Weston, a ministerial student of Wake Forest, N. C.

Children's Day exercises are booked for the afternoon of Sunday, July 12th, for this church.

We had almost forgotten to mention the moonlight picnic at her home on the night of July 8th, gotten up by Miss Courtenay Atkinson for her cousins, Misses Sarah and Frances Mellette and Bessie Ives of Sumter and attended by the young people of the entire countryside. They report it a most pleasurable occasion.

Mrs. W. J. Spencer, her son, Douglas and sister, Drussilla Ammons, are visiting her daughter, Mrs. McClellan of McClellanville.

Miss Hood Entertains.

Miss Bessie Hood entertained her young girl friends last Saturday afternoon at her home on North Main street. The girls were entertained with a contest making numerous words of "July Fourth." Miss Sara Edmunds succeeded in making the most, so was the winner of a fan, which was given as the prize. Then the rest of the afternoon was spent in playing Rook. Miss Frances DeLorme received a box of candy for her success and Miss Edith Williamson, for her lack of success, received the booby, a baby rattle.

Cream and cake was served by the hostess. A pleasant afternoon was spent by all.

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