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THE ELECTION DECLARED.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECLARES NOMINEES OF FIRST PRIMARY.

Provision for Second Primary Next Tuesday—Comptroller General to Be Chosen.

Columbia, Sept. 4.—The State Democratic executive committee met yesterday and declared the nominees of the State primary last Tuesday. The following were declared the nominees:
N. B. Dial of Laurens, United States senator.
R. A. Cooper, Laurens, governor.
Junius T. Liles, Orangeburg, lieutenant governor.
John E. Swearingen, Columbia, State superintendent of education.
Candidates for State offices and congressmen without opposition were also declared the nominees.
James F. Byrnes of the Second District, Fred H. Dominick of the Third District and A. F. Lever of the Seventh District were declared elected. A second primary was ordered next Tuesday for the following:
United States senate, short term: Thomas H. Peeples, Columbia, and W. P. Pollock, Cheraw.
Attorney General: Claud N. Sapp, Columbia, and Sam M. Wolfe, Anderson.
Railroad commissioner: H. H. Arnold, Spartanburg, and A. R. Richardson.
Commissioner of agriculture: W. D. Garrison and B. Harris, both of Anderson.
Congress, Fourth District: Horace L. Bomar and Sam J. Nicholls, Spartanburg.
Candidates for the office of comptroller general for the full term were also ordered to go into the second primary next Tuesday. This vacancy was created by the recent death of Carlton W. Sawyer, who would have been elected without opposition last Tuesday, had he lived through the campaign. The committee ordered the entrance fee turned to the estate of Mr. Sawyer.
The entrance fee into the race for the United States senate was also ordered refunded to the estate of the late Senator E. R. Tillman. The entrance fee in the race for governor was also returned to Thomas H. Peeples, who left this contest to enter the race for the short term in the United States senate.
Time to file pledges and pay the assessment fee for comptroller general was fixed at noon tomorrow. This brief time was necessary in order to have adequate time in which to print and distribute the tickets throughout the State by next Monday.
Only one local contest was heard. This was in the race for supervisor in Barnwell County, where J. S. Still was declared the nominee by the county executive committee over B. H. Dyches, the incumbent, by only four votes. An appeal from the ruling of the county executive committee was brought before the State committee on the ground that some ballots placed in the wrong box were counted. Upon this showing the State executive committee reversed the county committee and ordered the two candidates again go before the people and be voted for next Tuesday.
The State committee also appropriated \$1,000 for the use of the national Democratic executive committee, an appeal having been made by the national committee and a representative having come to Columbia to solicit aid.
John Gary Evans, State chairman, emphasized that he had received many letters commending the ease and dispatch with which the election was handled under the Australian ballot system. Not one letter had brought a word of complaint, Mr. Evans emphasized. The authors of a number of these were complimentary of the accuracy and industry which characterized the work of Ashley C. Tobias, Jr., the secretary of the committee, in having a special ballot prepared for each precinct to which the Australian ballot applied. Although replete with hundreds of opportunities for errors, not one had crept in, it was pointed out.
This was the first Statewide trial of the Australian ballot, and that it gave universal satisfaction was the consensus of opinion from every one.
N. B. Dial of Laurens, United States senator-elect, W. P. Pollock of Cheraw, candidate for short term in the United States senate and Congressman Fred H. Dominick from the Third District attended the meeting of the committee.
Although John H. McLaurin of Bennettsville withdrew from the race for governor, he received 1,584 votes, in that the tickets had already been printed before Mr. McLaurin withdrew.
Cole L. Blease carried only three counties in the State and got a plurality in the fourth. The counties carried were Aiken, Cherokee and Saluda. He received a plurality in Pickens.
The following is the total vote received by candidates.
United States senate: Blease, 40,456; Dial, 65,964; Rice, 5,317.
United States senate (short term): Bonet, 34,897; Peeples, 37,567; Pollock, 38,816.
Governor: Betha, 19,262; Cooper, 61,996; DesChamps, 493; Duncan, 1,236; McLaurin, 1,584; Richards, 21,229.
Lieutenant Governor: Cohen, 17,948; Liles, 55,263; Wightman, 26,844.
Superintendent of Education: Reiter, 31,196; Swearingen, 77,691.
Attorney General: Sapp, 58,221; Scarson, 29,154; Wolf, 24,644.
Railroad commissioner: Arnold, 28,654; McLaughlin, 13,355; Richardson, 31,928; Smith, 27,944; Vowell, 8,565.
Commissioner of Agriculture: Garrison, 38,626; Harris, 42,414; Morrison, 26,187.
Secretary of State: W. Banks Doye, 119,800.
Comptroller General: Carlton W. Sawyer, 194,322.
State Treasurer: S. T. Carter, 119,695.
Adjutant and Inspector General:

W. W. Moore, 110,422.
Congress.
First District: Richard S. Whaley, 10,722.
Second District: James F. Byrnes, 7,266; T. G. Croft, 1,329; N. G. Swans, 974; G. L. Teale, 3,212.
Third District: Wyatt L. Aiken, 9,466; Fred H. Dominick, 9,596.
Fourth District: Horace L. Bomar, 3,743; Sam J. Nicholls, 9,651; David G. Traxler, 5,396.
Fifth District: W. F. Stevenson, 14,396.
Sixth District: J. W. Ragsdale, 14,666.
Seventh District: T. F. Brantley, 942; A. F. Lever, 9,770; T. G. McLeod, 2,127; G. B. Timmerman, 3,502.
Solicitor.
Third Circuit: F. A. McLeod, 3,919; L. E. Wood, 3,925.
Twelfth Circuit: L. M. Gasque, 1,111.

COTTON SEED PRICES.

Important Conference Held in Columbia Tuesday—No Agreement Reached.

To the Farmers of Sumter County and the State:
Do not sell your cotton seed at present prices. Seed will be at between \$67 and \$75 in the next ten days.
Yesterday Capt. Claffey and the writer spent the day with Mr. Elliott, the food administrator; Mr. Evans, of Troy, representing the ginners, and Messrs. Lawton and Aree representing the crushers.
The writer went to the meeting believing that \$80 may be obtained. Capt. Claffey was instructed by Orangeburg farmers to stand for \$75. Should the excess of vegetable oils said by Dr. Denny to have been recently dumped on this country prove to be a myth like the surplus cotton that Senator Smith found to be not there, \$80 will easily be the price. I am not sure but the low cotton prospects will bring about this result. If our request that the order not to feed or use for manure raw seed is rescinded, it will bring about the same result.
The crushers were very frank with us, and their statements covered the subject from every angle, and we have every reason to believe that they were truthful. But all their figures and statements amply protected their end of the industry. Toward the close of the conference they offered to at once put out a price of \$60 and \$63 dollars for seed, if Capt. Claffey and I would approve it. We told them we could not approve so small an advance, because, it would prejudice our case, but we would approve \$67 and \$70 temporarily—this they declined.
We learned that representatives of the cotton States, (the official advisory marketing board of cotton States, our State not represented on account of the primary election) met in Washington last Monday and agreed upon \$67 and \$70 for seed and \$54 for meal. We learned that the fertilizing value of meal is \$62.50 per ton, and that feeding interests protested vigorously against such a price—that it would kill the cattle industry, etc.
When we presented the facts that show how farmers' costs have advanced we were told that the food administration have a chart that shows that cotton seed have advanced more than any other farm product, 300 per cent against an average of 200 per cent for other products.
We learned that when oil millers ask for a higher price for linters the war industries board tell them we can substitute wood pulp at a lower price—therefore the two war needs being out of the way by the importation of vegetable oils, and the threat to use wood pulp in place of linters for making explosives we feel that we should be free to use our seed as we please. We asked Mr. Elliott to put that up strongly to the food administration which he promised to do today—he left for Washington at 6 o'clock Tuesday evening.
The refiners of oil have been summoned to Washington, and the crushers are expecting to be called this week. Do the farmers want representation at these conferences? If so they must provide the means. Very few of us can give the time from our farms and pay our own expenses too.
I called Mr. Elliott's attention to the injustice of making us pay 70c per hundred for ginning and bagging and ties. So it was agreed that the \$2.50 rate per bale applies to bales up to 525 pounds and 70c per hundred for all over 525 pounds. \$1 per bale additional for staple cotton. An order to this effect will be issued in a day or two.
I think the public should know that Mr. Elliott made it plain two weeks ago that a ginner may gain for less, provided it is not made up by some other feature of his business.
It was made plain that farmers can club together, load and ship their own seed, and secure the agents' pens for buying and loading. I think these facts should be placed before our farmers, and I have made this article as short as possible to cover the salient features of the conference.
E. W. Dabbs.

Registration Notice.
On the following dates, the Board of Registration will visit these several townships of Sumter county, for the purpose of registering all qualified electors who have not already registered:
Presidence, September 3rd.
Stateburg, September 4th.
Middleton, September 5th.
Manchester, September 6th.
Privateer, September 5th.
Concord, September 10th.
Bluffton, September 11th.
Mayesville, September 12th.
Bluffing Creek, September 13th.
The books of registration will be opened according to the above schedule, from nine o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the afternoon, at the usual voting places in the townships herein designated.
T. D. DUBOSE,
J. M. N. WILDER,
J. A. REAMES,
Supervisors of Registration.

Cotton Market

Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon
G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.
Good Middling 33.
Strict Middling 32 3-4.
Middling 32 1-2.
Strict Low Middling 31.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.
Open High Low Close
Oct . . . 34.25 34.25 32.90 32.75 35.92
Dec . . . 33.75 33.75 32.25 32.18 34.40
Jan . . . 33.15 33.25 32.10 32.05 34.31

As to the Ginning of Cotton.
There seems to be a misunderstanding for ginning cotton. The ruling of the State Food Administration September 3rd, is that ginners cannot charge for the weight of bagging and ties, and says the prices announced were for net lint cotton, bagging and ties weighing twenty-five pounds. Therefore, ginners must not charge in excess of \$2.50 per bale unless weight of the bale, including weight of bagging and ties is more than five hundred and twenty-five pounds. For the excess over that weight at the rate of 70c per hundred pounds of lint cotton is the proper charge.
G. A. LEMMON,
County Food Administrator.
Sumter, S. C., Sept. 5, 1918.

ALWAYS ANTI-BLEASE.
W. D. Garrison is Not And Has Never Been a Supporter of Blease.

Mr. W. D. Garrison, candidate for Commissioner of Agriculture, in a letter to a friend in Sumter said: "In case any one should doubt my politics you may say for me that I have never voted for Ex-Governor Blease, therefore, I am an anti-Blease man. B. Harris advertised in Charleston American, Aug. 26th. Get copy of this paper."—Adv't.

The Ford car of Dr. J. Herbert Haynworth was stolen from the Court House Square last Saturday night, but was recovered at Ballard Hill the next day, it having been abandoned by the thief when the gasoline became exhausted. He did not go empty handed, however, as he carried off one of the tires.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Several nice farms near town. Wanted an overseer for 10 or 12 horse farm. Must be above draft age and familiar with general farm machinery. J. H. Myers, Sumter, R. F. D. 4. Local and Long Distance Phone 5302.

TWO LADIES WANTED—At once in our dressmaking department for alterations, work on suits and dresses. Apply at once. Schwartz Bros.

LOST—Bumper off of Buick car in or near Sumter. Reward if returned to Mrs. G. Bradley. Phone 19. 221 W. Hampton.

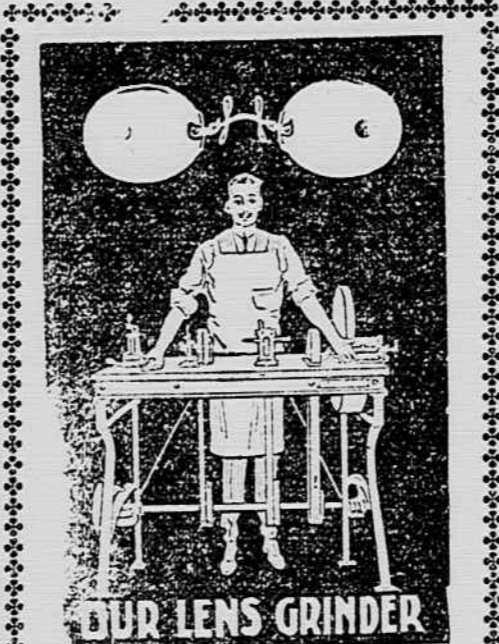
FOR SALE—In settlement McBride estate I offer 1,000 acres Jaque lands, tracts 47 to 46 acres, well located in famous Pudding Swamp tobacco section. The four 1917 prize corn clubs boys of Sumter and Clarendon counties live one to eight miles away and grow 70 to 90 bushels on same type soil. A nearby tract of similar unimproved land was paid for out of last year's crop. Prices right and terms reasonable. E. W. Dabbs, Trustee. Mayesville, S. C.

TWO LADIES WANTED—At once in our dressmaking department for alterations, work on suits and dresses. Apply at once. Schwartz Bros.

BEE SWAX WANTED—Any quantity large or small. Am paying best cash price. See me if you have any. N. G. Osteen.

FOR SALE—F. O. B. cars, Camp Jackson, stable manure; very little straw. Car load lots only. Chemical and Fertilizer value rated very high by Clemson college. A. A. Strauss, Sumter, S. C.

WILLERS' CERTIFICATES—Can be obtained at Item Office at reasonable prices in lots of 100 or more.



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We Grind Lenses, examine the eyes scientifically and fit eye-glasses perfectly. Let us work for you.
We have all prescriptions on file. Broken lenses replaced promptly. Graduate Optometrist and Optician in charge.
W. A. Thompson,
JEWEL & OPTOMETRIST.

Colored Inquest.
An inquest was held by Coroner W. J. Seale over the body of Mary McClary, colored, who died at the Tuomey Hospital Wednesday morning from the effects of wounds inflicted about August 1st by her husband, Sidney McClary, Jr. There were no witnesses of the murderous attack made by McClary upon his wife, and the only testimony at the inquest was that of Joe Willis and Dr. C. J. Lemmon as follows:
Joe Willis, sworn says: Lucius and Wesley Roberson come by my house about daybreak on Monday, sometime about the first of August, 1918, and asked me to go with them to Sidney McClary's house and see what had happened. They said Sidney had come to their house and told them he had shot his wife. I went to Sidney's house and called his wife. She tried to open door and couldn't. We had to break in the door. We found her on the bed, all bloody; couldn't tell where she was hit. She tried to talk, but I couldn't understand what she said. I have lived close to Sidney since his marriage and never knew them to have any fuss. I saw Sidney Sunday night before the shooting and he seemed to be alright; not drunk; was not a drinking man.
Joe Willis.

The post mortem examination of the remains of Mary McClary held at Geo. H. Hurst's embalming establishment at about 12 M. disclosed the following: Evidence of a fracture of the right frontal bone, gunshot wound of left hand fracture of right fore arm. An examination of the brain found evidence of the rupture of the left middle artery, the result of which caused death.
Chas. J. Lemmon, M. D.
Act. Coroner's Physician.
The verdict of the jury was that "Mary McClary came to her death as the result of gunshot wounds and licks from blunt instrument at the hands of Sidney McClary, Jr. McClary was arrested immediately after the attack on his wife and was held in jail until it became evident that he was insane and was then committed to the asylum.
A Card.
The undersigned hereby extends to his friends his grateful appreciation for the honors conferred upon him by them at the primary election on the 27th inst. and sincerely trusts that he will prove worthy of all honors conferred upon him by his fellow Democrats at the second primary on September 10th, 1918.
Thos. E. Richardson,
Judge of Probate.
There has been almost a gasoline famine in Sumter for several days, but a few of the dealers have received a supply and cars keep running.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The First National Bank of Sumter.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and discounts, Notes and bills rediscounted, Overdrafts, U. S. Bonds, Liberty Loan Bonds, etc.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter, ss.
I, O. L. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of Sept 1918.
O. L. YATES, Cashier.
A. M. Broughton, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
W. B. UPSHUR,
H. D. BARNETT,
GEO. F. EPPERSON,
Directors.