

1832—HENRY HORATIO BLEASE—1892

COLE L. BLEASE



The following sketch of Henry Horatio Blease is taken from Chapman's Annals of Newberry:

"Henry H. Blease was born at Edgefield S. C., on the 11th day of May, 1832, and died at his home at Newberry on the 15th day of April, 1892.

"His was a strong and vigorous character, the elements of which were manifested in early life. He had great powers of discrimination in matters involving much investigation, and I have no doubt that he would have made an able lawyer and an ornament to the bar had his mind been trained in that direction. Other walks in life were his.

"In 1849 he left Edgefield and moved to Newberry, and afterwards filled, both in time of peace and of war, many places of trust and dignity. After the war he engaged in farming, but in a short time he moved to the town of Newberry and engaged in business as the proprietor of a hotel and livery stables. For several years he filled the office of trial justice at Newberry.

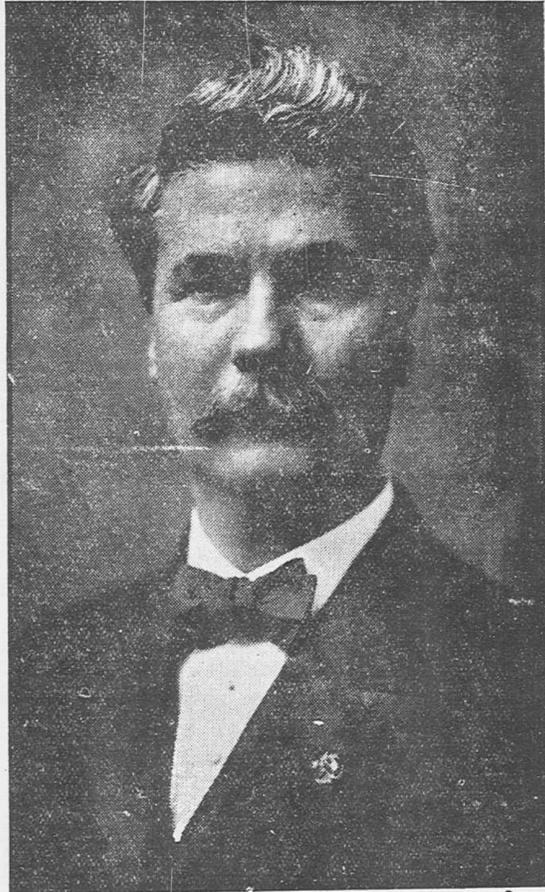
"As a friend he was firm and loyal; as a thinker he was clear and his opinions, once formed, were decided. He was hospitable and loved social intercourse. To the poor and destitute he was always ready and willing to extend a helping hand, and many acts of kindness were done by him which are known only by the recipients and God.

"He was a member of the Methodist church, loving that church with a devoted love, as all good Methodists do; but he was no bigot, and could see the spirit of the Master shining through the good people of other churches be-

sides his own.

"During several years of the latter part of his life he was a great sufferer; but no one ever heard him lament or complain of his condition. He was patient all through to the last, and when the summons came he had no fears, and only expressed regret that he would be separated from those so near and dear to him."

"Mr. Blease was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary A. Livingston, daughter of Mr. Daniel Livingston of Edgefield, now Saluda county. By this marriage there were five children living at the time of Mr. Blease's death—Ella who married Mr. Campbell L. Havard; Corrie, who married Mr. J. E. Saint Amand of Charleston, and Lella, who married Mr. T. G. Williams of Newberry; and two boys—Harry H. Blease, now a practicing attorney at the Newberry bar, who has served as chairman of the county Democracy of Newberry county and several terms as magistrate, having never been a candidate for any political preferment, desiring to devote his entire time to his chosen profession, the law; and Cole L. Blease, now a practicing attorney at the Columbia bar. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth Satterwhite, daughter of William Satterwhite of Newberry county. By this marriage three children were left—Eugene F. Blease, who has held the position of county superintendent of education, member of the house of representatives and state senator from the county of Saluda which last named position he resigned to move back to his former home, Newberry, where he is now engaged in the practice of law; Bertha, who married Mr. J. R. Elson of Newberry, and Cannon Gary Blease, who is now the sheriff of the county of Newberry.



"Former Governor Coleman Livingston Blease was born 47 years ago on his father's farm, known as the Blease, or Mendenhall place, four miles west of Newberry court house. When 14 years of age he was awarded a silver cup at the Newberry county fair for being the best boy rider at the fair. He attended Newberry college, finishing the junior class. In his junior year, the contest for the gold oratorical medal in which he participated was decided in favor of another by the committee by a majority of one, and the citizens of Newberry were so indignant over the result that they made up money by private subscription and presented a beautiful gold watch chain, which he now wears, to Mr. Blease. This is the only instance recalled in the history of the colleges of this state where an audience has registered its protest in this manner against the decision of a committee of judges in a college contest.

"In 1890 he was elected to the house of representatives by a very flattering vote. He was elected by the committee as chairman of the committee on privileges and elections of the house, and as such served as member of the state board of canvassers for several sessions. He was several times chosen speaker pro tem. of the house. He was elected to the house in 1892, at the head of the ticket, receiving the largest vote ever received by any candidate from Newberry county up to that time. "He took high rank as a parliamentarian from the beginning of his legislative career, and his ability in this line was recognized during his service in both branches of the general assembly, by his selection as speaker pro tem. of the house and president pro tem. of the senate.

"In 1898 he was returned to the house, when he was again elected at the head of the ticket, and he served as chairman of the committee on military, and was ex-officio a member of the board of visitors of the Military Academy of South Carolina.

"In 1904 he was elected to the state senate from the county of Newberry, by a large majority. During his service in the senate he was considered by all, both friends and opponents, as the leader of that body, and his ability as a parliamentarian was recognized by his associates in his election as president pro tem. The parliamentary rights which he led there will be long remembered by those conversant with the political history of this state.

"In 1910 he was elected governor. In 1912, in one of the hardest fought political battles in the history of any state in the union, and in the face of one of the bitterest fights ever waged against any man in politics, he defeated former Chief Justice Jones for governor and received an indorsement of his administration by being re-elected.

"Governor Blease has a record of life long devotion to the Democratic party, and of service to the party. He has served as chairman of the city Democracy of Newberry, as chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, and was for 16 years a member of the state Democratic committee. He has represented Newberry county in many state Democratic conventions. He was presidential elector on the Democratic ticket, both in 1896 and in 1900.

"One of the most interesting incidents in Governor Blease's political career was his election as mayor of the city of Newberry.

"In addition to the political offices which he has held, Governor Blease has taken high rank in the secret orders of the state. He has served as grand Master of the Odd Fellows, having the honor of presiding as grand master at the second grand lodge meeting which he ever attended. At that meeting he was chosen grand representative to the grand lodge of the United States, in which capacity he served for two years, declining reelection. He is still a member of the Odd Fellows, and has done more, probably, than any other man in the order to put the Odd Fellows' orphan home on a solid foundation.

"He has served as great sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men, and

tionary army, by virtue of which she is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution."

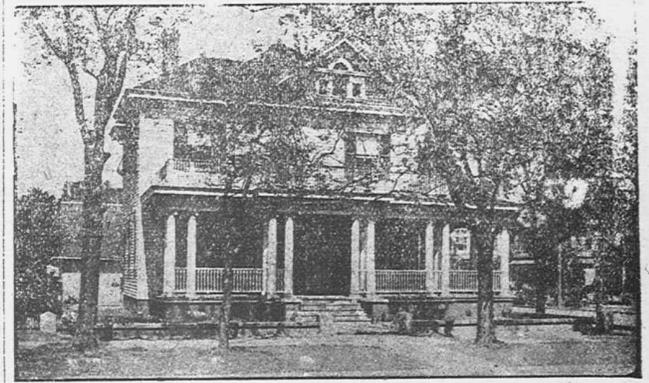
From this brief sketch it will be seen that Governor Blease has held the highest position which his two towns could give him, to wit: mayor of each.

He has also held the highest position which his county could give him, to wit: Member of the house of representatives and senator. And that he has presided over the house, over the senate and over the two in joint session. And he has also held the highest position which it is possible for any state to give to one of her sons, to wit: Governor. He has been

ing out that section which provided for the payment of \$2,000 to the family of a negro who commits rape on a white woman and providing that in cases of rape a jury may be drawn immediately and a special court held within such time as the chief justice and governor may direct.

The reduction of taxation. Providing a law that no officer elected by the people shall be removed from office unless convicted by a jury. The decrease of present day lawlessness.

Governor Blease has been advocating such principles for years as his record in the house and in the senate and in the governor's office will show



RESIDENCE OF COLE L. BLEASE, COLUMBIA, S. C.

highly honored by the various fraternal orders to which he belongs.

Governor Blease has announced his candidacy for governor in the campaign of 1916 and in a recent speech stated that his platform would be, among other things:

The warehouse system, which was enacted into law while he was governor and which was recommended by him in his general message to the assembly.

A flat 2-cent passenger rate on all railroads.

Local option by counties for the control of the whiskey question.

Liberal support of Confederate veterans.

Liberal support for the State institutions for white boys and girls.

Building up of the free school system so that every white child in South Carolina may be given an education.

The making of 6 per cent the legal rate of interest in this state.

The establishment of a rural credit system for the state.

The abolition of useless offices.

Laws that will favor and protect labor in all its legitimate purposes and such laws as will protect capital in its lawful investments.

Amending the constitution by strik-

and he is therefore no eleven hour convert to them and is not taking them up merely for political preferment.

These principles will be freely discussed by Governor Blease throughout the state and gone into in detail as the space here allotted would not be sufficient in which to discuss them.

Eugene Walter's dramatization of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine" is full of comedy touches in the love-making scene between Young Dave and June, and between June and Jack Hale, as well as that lent to the bright spirits of Berkeley, Jack's chum, and the lonely wit and philosophy of Uncle Billy Deal, the justice of the peace. The play opens at sunset on the trail and closes at sunrise. The Will E. Culhane Amusement company have made a wonderful production of this great play; those who have read the book will certainly want to see Miss Ell O'Connor as June and follow the feudists through the hills, hear their peculiar cries as they signal to each other, observe the meeting of Jack and June near the pool by the lonely pine, and see the closing picture of these two romantic lovers standing beneath the pines and looking out over into the valley as they are joined together as man and wife, by the old justice of the peace. It will be seen here at the opera house on Monday night, December 6.

SUPERVISOR J. C. SAMPLE
His Good Work For the Roads of Newberry—Has Been Active and Energetic—Permanent Work.

J. C. Sample is one of the youngest and one of the most successful county supervisors in the state. He is a very modest young man, of genial manners and pleasant address. He has a way about him that wins, and he goes in to win. He was not elected on the face of the returns when they came in to the committee and he respectfully asked a recount of some boxes that did not look right to him, which put



him in the lead and he was declared the winner. He has been a winner ever since.

He has been able to do a great deal for the county in certain sections where there had been a great deal of dissatisfaction because of long continued neglect. He has made some mighty good roads, because the writer has been over them and seen them. They may be improved on and widened, but they will not have to be rebuilt. He has done just as much with the money that he has been able to get as intel-

ligence and economy could do. The roads in Newberry county are comparable with those in almost any section of the state. There are some roads in which money has been expended on short stretches that show up better as roads, but he shows mileage to the dollar that few other road builders can show. Mr. Sample was a magistrate when he was elected supervisor to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hill, who was made postmaster in Newberry. He made a good magistrate, just as he is making a good supervisor, fair and level headed, seeking justice and not afraid to have an opinion and to stand firmly on it. He was originally from Saluda county, but has lived in Newberry a number of years and is well known and popular. If he strikes a community where he is not well known he does not take long to get acquainted, and he leaves people talking favorably of him when he goes away. He is on the lookout for anything that he can do for the good of the county and he does it thoroughly. He works only the chain gang on the roads, and has had a fairly good-sized gang. He is working out his road system on a logical plan taking the main highways first, and putting them in condition. He is making good contracts for the maintenance of the roads after they have been built, for maintenance is a harder problem than building, as every one knows who has tried it. Some of his overseers are very active and interested in their work, and he means to have them all that way. His superintendent of the chain gang is a veteran road builder and a good manager of the gang. The county poor farm is well kept and has made a fine crop of corn and other feed this year. His books in the court house are well and carefully kept. He looks into all claims carefully and diligently and protects the county's interests in every way.

Love that is only half remembered is only half delight.

The lover who pays in sighs is repaid in hopes.

A man is dead while yet alive if there is no peace at home.

Man conquers only through his strength; woman in her weakness.

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