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## Petition State Convention For Campaign of Education

### STATE WAREHOUSE TO BE IN THE CAMPAIGN

#### MEETING OF STATE WAREHOUSE ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY

Request of State Convention Made—  
McLaurin Will Run for Lieutenant Governor, if Necessary.

Columbia, May 3.—At a largely attended meeting of the South Carolina Warehouse association, held in the offices of the State Warehouse commission today, pursuant to the call recently issued by President J. Arthur Banks, it was unanimously expressed as the sentiment of the meeting that there should be a campaign this summer in the interest of the system, and its further enlargement and development, and that the State warehouse commissioner, Senator Jno. L. McLaurin, was the proper man to make it. The action of the association was embodied in a resolution introduced by Hon. E. W. Dabbs, former president of the State Farmers union, requesting the State Democratic convention, which meets next Wednesday, to grant Senator McLaurin an hour's time at each of the regular campaign meetings this summer. The resolution was signed by those present, and will be formally presented as a memorial to the State convention.

President J. Arthur Banks called the meeting to order promptly at 2:30 o'clock. In a ringing address he reviewed the State warehouse system, beginning with the efforts of Senator McLaurin for the passage of the law, and telling, from personal knowledge, as well as close observation, how it had been firmly established in the money centre and the great benefit which it had been to the people not only of South Carolina, but of the entire South, in a time of financial depression when money was not to be had at any price, because the Southern banks did not want to lend. He told of the opposition which it had encountered at every step. "It has got the strongest, shrewdest, best-organized enemies of anything in this State," he said. There has been a struggle against it from its inception, and there is still a struggle, and if you don't get together and organize your forces and stand together behind some man of devotion and zeal and ability, they will finally whip you to death. And that is the reason I called this meeting together—for the purpose of getting together on a campaign of education, so that the people of every State may know what the warehouse system is, and know what it means, and know its possibilities of good for the whole South. When the people once know it, it will never die, because it is sound—sound absolutely. Nobody has ever been able to pick a flaw in it."

Hon. W. A. Stuckey of Bishopville said that he felt the time had come to present a bold front, and simply declare to the public what it was proposed to do. This was a non-partisan body, he said, and a campaign of education was needed. He moved that a campaign be started today in behalf of the State warehouse, to agitate and discuss it before the people of South Carolina, regardless of factional politics. "In an issue like this we should be great enough to rise above factionalism, and we should see to it that our members of the next general assembly are straight State warehouse men—men whose speech, when they say so, comes not only from their mouths, but from the abundance of their hearts."

"We are all behind Mr. McLaurin," said Mr. Edward E. Rembert of Sumter county, "and we would like to hear from him, and let him tell us what he wants us to do to further this great cause."

Senator McLaurin said in part, his

remarks being frequently interrupted by enthusiastic applause:

In my annual report to the general assembly I referred to the persistent fight made against the State Warehouse System. Its business success an admitted fact wherever operated, the opposition united in an endeavor to defeat my re-election, by centering their strength behind a cotton buyer. The attempt to draw factional lines, he it said to the everlasting credit of the legislature, proved a miserable failure. Then they tried the subtle plan of cutting the appropriation, and not permitting the use of the revenue derived from the system for its further development. Half-backed young lawyers were the mouth-piece of the opposition, but the agricultural committee rallied the business and farming element, and took the legislation away from the ways and means and judiciary committees, thereby defeating their plan.

Human greed is a powerful incentive, and interests preying upon the producer will ever fight any change which interferes with middle-men's profits. As usual, the big interests combined. I have never seen such a lobby as they had here to prevent a licensed grader's bill and insurance legislation.

These people have the power of money behind them. They control the big daily papers, and act as a unit.

We are not waging war on individuals. We are fighting to reform an unjust economic system; yet the attack is centred on me personally. While we are not responsible for insurance legislation, yet the State system must bear the burden of the fight, and assume the task of defending it.

It is a business question, not political nor class, and I pity the man whose contracted soul does not consider it of greater importance to South Carolina, than his individual calling, or the particular political factor to which he belongs. The coming campaign will revolve around the State warehouse system, and it is our duty to let the people know who is serving them, to what end, and for whose benefit.

In the insurance matter, I advocate an amendment to the warehouse law permitting the commissioner, under proper restrictions, to carry a portion of the risk and re-insure the balance, as I am now doing. I have paid out over fifty thousand dollars in premiums, and had less than twelve hundred dollars of losses. By a proper distribution of risks, we carry State cotton, and in a few years have a reserve fund sufficient to make the cost of insurance almost nominal.

The conspiracy in Columbia which fomented the withdrawal of the companies should be fully exposed, and can be, from the records in my hands. The federal government regulates interest rates, banks, railroads and telegraph companies, and if it hasn't the power to compel the insurance companies to do business in South Carolina, or quit doing business in the United States, then we had better get some new members of congress.

The State warehouse is not the solution, it is only the means. We must have sufficient warehouse room to carry the surplus in each county. The county should be the unit in financing and marketing the crop, with all the county houses federated into a State-wide system. Little can be accomplished in marketing until the farmers are aroused to the necessity of co-operation. We are now the easy prey of unscrupulous money lenders, insurance trust, fertilizer trust, exporters, and all of the other parasites that grow fat on the manipulation of farm products.

The Lord helps those who help themselves. We have the foundation in the State warehouse for the organization of farm insurance, rural credit unions, and a farmer's bank operating under the federal reserve system. We must have licensed graders and force the buyers to purchase



"THE TOWN KNOCKER"

The only thing to do with the "Town Knocker" is to kick him out. Tolerate him for a minute, and he spreads like an epidemic all over the community. He is the original "Calamity Howler" and "Bird-of-Ill-Omen." He is never so happy as when he can persuade other people to think the same way as he does. If allowed to "get the floor," he will knock the pins from under the best proposition on earth. He is against every form of improvement, and if he converts enough people to HIS way of thinking, the town will come to a dead stop. After having KILLED everything, he glories in the fact that nothing can be done for the town. It is doomed. The only thing to do with the "Town Knocker" is to head him for the cemetery. His habit of knocking is so infectious that it has been known to spread among some of the BEST PEOPLE. KICK THE KNOCKER OUT.

from State warehouses upon standard grades.

The necessary educational campaign cannot be made through daily newspapers, because they are owned by those whose interests are antagonistic to us. I agree with you that we must make an educational campaign, and as you designate me, I cheerfully assume the burden and will do the best I can.

Let us go forward, sustained by faith in God and trust in the good people of South Carolina.

I want nothing personally. This work lifts me above sordid political ambition. Don't worry about my reward. I will get more out of it than office holds. I will receive that enlargement of life which comes to every one who unselfishly serves his fellowman. All the politicians in South Carolina are powerless to deny me this. It is God's gift.

The State warehouse system is worth fighting for. It is the first distinct attempt by this government to aid the creators of all wealth, by utilizing the public credit in their behalf. State receipts are discounted by member banks at three per cent, and the farmer gets the money at six. His cotton is in the form of a negotiable security, like the bond of a corporation. This means equal privileges. The next step is a system of credit based on land. It is easier and simpler than one based on cotton. Elect the right legislature, and a governor in sympathy, and I will have ready a rural credit measure as easy to work as the State warehouse law.

There is a studied attempt to prevent information from reaching the people. Every effort has been made to poison the public mind and destroy confidence in me. They allege that the whole thing is politics. I tried to go before the people fourteen years ago, and the politicians changed the party rules to shut me out. The intervening time has been one of preparation.

After being re-elected last winter, I asked the legislature to put this of-

face in the primary. It refused, so we will give the people a chance, anyway. Unless I have the backing of the people, there is no use in expending my energy, wasting my time, and disbursing my income.

A campaign of education is an absolute necessity.

I cannot go before the people, under the rules, unless a candidate for an office. To be a candidate for a lucrative office would weaken me, and do incalculable harm to the cause. I will therefore announce for lieutenant governor—an office no grown man wants and a live one would not have. The test will not be my election, but the legislature.

I have no candidate for governor, and do not intend to defend or attack any man in the race, unless in defense of the system. I have no friends to serve nor enemies to punish.

It is principles, not men, that will control my action, and I shall discuss principles, and ask the people to study closely the principles advocated by the various candidates. I will do this, no matter whom it helps or hurts.

I want results.

The source of wealth is land. It is folly to talk about the sacredness of capital, without considering first the sacredness of labor and land. You must start at the source, and make it possible for the man who labors on that land to live in peace and comfort. You must remove burdens which keep him in constant fear of the present and doubt of the future. He must have some certainty in the struggle to overcome odds that are against him. We are compelled to pay too great a proportion of our earnings for the prosperity of the few, and we cannot much longer continue the unequal struggle. We are in a majority—why not take the reins of government from the hands of spoliators, and see to it that there is equality of opportunity for all white men, inso-

far as rights, privileges and opportunities are concerned?

It is time the real wealth producers of South Carolina took charge of this government from top to bottom. This war has added a new crop of multi-millionaires to the already over-abundant supply. These vast moneyed interests, unless checked, will so enthrone themselves in power that nothing short of revolution will relieve the toilers. These interests want factional strife, and will use every effort to promote it, so that voters will forget economic questions affecting their daily existence.

These economic issues are the only things worth while. This government may be of the people and by the people, but it is not for the people, it is for the few at the expense of the many.

Individually we are powerless to make successful opposition to capital acting as a unit. We can only do so through a political mechanism, which will transmute the will of the people into the law of the land. Party and factional strife only divides our forces and enables the privileged few to thrive at the expense of the despoiled many.

It takes no special effort on the part of the few. The control of money and credit is the basis, while the common soul of greed everywhere furnishes the impulse. It is a pirate game we are up against. Get something for nothing out of the people individually. Through legislation, they have the congressional "pork barrel," while bond issues and useless appropriations enable them to pillage State, counties and municipalities.

Then, if any public man dares voice a protest, if he cannot be seduced by flattery or bought like dog meat, they crush him with slander and ruin him politically. The satanic cleverness with which this is done is beyond belief.

### POMARIA GRADED SCHOOL CLOSES TUESDAY, MAY 9

The Pomaria graded school taught the past session by Mr. Ben M. Setzler and Miss Louise Richardson will close next Tuesday and there will be an interesting program rendered by the pupils in the beautiful auditorium of the handsome school building. The school has had a very successful session under the able direction of the two very efficient teachers and the program to be rendered by the pupils will be enjoyed by a large audience. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock p. m.

#### Primary Department.

Song—"Glad Welcome to All"—Primary Grade.  
"Welcome"—Seven Little Children.  
"Spring Opinions"—James Aull.  
"Forbearance"—Sara Setzler, Frances Hentz, and Willie Mae Stone.  
"Vacation's Coming"—Lucile Stone.  
Song—"The Quarrel"—Beaman Pinner, and Mable Setzler.  
"I'm a Man"—James Aull, Rebecca Setzler and Estelle Boland.  
"In School and Out"—Beaman Pinner.  
"A Little Bird Tells"—Clyde Hentz.  
"Vacation Fun"—Six Girls, Six Boys.  
"Keeping Holiday"—Nellie Rae Seybt.  
"Flower Drill"—Nine Girls.  
Song—"Vacation Glee"—Primary Grades.  
"That Calf"—Rebecca Setzler.  
"Tom's Practical Joke"—Mattie Koon, Willie Livingston and J. C. Aull.

"Lazy Sue"—Willie Mae Stone.  
"Hustle and Grin"—Chris Koon.  
"Meeting of the Fairies"—Seven Girls.  
Song—"Home Sweet Home"—Mable Setzler, Beaman Pinner, Henry Counts, and Louise Graham.

#### High School Department.

Music—Eloise Hipp.  
Essay—"Spring Time"—Johnnie Koon.  
Recitation—"The Railroad Crossing"—Claudia Sheely.  
Music—William Aull.  
Essay—"Union"—Gus Johnson.  
Recitation—"I'm Getting Too Big to be Kissed"—Marian Setzler.  
Music—Wary Hentz.  
Essay—"Habits"—Richard Hipp.  
"Salutatory and Class History"—Ernest Kinard.  
Music—Marian Setzler and Eloise Hipp.  
"Class Will and Prophecy"—Felicia Koon.  
"Valedictory"—Eloise Hipp.  
Music—Marian Setzler.

### THE MEETING POSTPONED RIDGE SPRING SCHOOL

The teachers of the Ridge Spring school had announced a meeting at the school house in the interest of the school and for the purpose of arousing the people to be held on May 5. It has been postponed. Several gentlemen had been invited to make short talks on education. The correspondent for the Observer stated that the meeting would be held on May 4. The editor of The Herald and News saw the teachers on Monday afternoon and it was decided to call off the meeting for this week inasmuch as there had been some confusion as to the time, and we promised to tell the Observer of the change and ask that it be corrected. This we did. There is to be an entertainment at the school on Saturday evening May 13 and it was decided to have the gentlemen who had been invited to make talks come at that time and help entertain the people.

#### Woman's Missionary Society.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Missionary society of St. Matthews church it was decided to meet the 3rd Sunday of each month instead of the first. The members are requested to meet the third Sunday instead of the first.

Mrs. Minnie L. Caldwell,  
President.

#### President Harms Will Preach.

Rev. J. H. Harms, president of Newberry college will preach at St. Stephen's Lutheran church Sunday, May 7th. All are urged to come out to hear Dr. Harms.—Lexington News.

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