

POLITICS NOW BEGIN TO ATTRACT NOTICE

Friends of Blease Say That He Will Be In Race.

LEVER BEING URGED TO RUN

Francis H. Weston, Mendel L. Smith and Holmes B. Springs Mentioned

Columbia, Nov. 22.—Although no public announcement to the effect has been made and although he has made no unqualified assertion to the effect, it has been reported here today that, in a few days, a statement may be issued by Cole L. Blease, of Columbia, former Governor, that he definitely will be in the Democratic primary next summer for nomination as Governor of South Carolina.

Those closest to the former Executive, say that if he does announce (and they are sure that he will), he will pitch his campaign on a contention for lower taxation by curtailment of "excess political positions," consolidation of some departments and the abolition of others.

If Mr. Blease enters, it probably will eliminate several who have been suggested as possible candidates, among them Thomas H. Peebles, former attorney general, and one time candidate for Governor and the United States Senate, and George W. Wightman, Senator from Saluda county, who was defeated by William Banks Dove for Secretary of State.

An effort has been made for some time to get A. F. Lever, former Congressman from the Seventh Congressional District and now chairman of the Federal Farm Loan Board, to give up his Washington appointment and enter the gubernatorial lists. Mr. Lever has not given any definite announcement as to his political future, but it is known that he has the proposal under serious consideration.

Likewise, George K. Laney, a veteran in legislative work as Senator from Chesterfield county, has been urged to run, and there is a possibility of Mr. Laney announcing if Mr. Lever is not in the race. Although he has not made any public announcement on the question, it is known that Mr. Laney strongly feels that the farmer and the State warehouse system should have a champion in the race, and he has been the continued friend of the agricultural interests and "the man on the street" during his political life.

Judge Mendel L. Smith, of Camden former circuit judge, major in the American Expeditionary Force, ex-speaker of the House Representatives, and conceded one of the most experienced parliamentarians in South Carolina public life, has repeatedly been urged to run, but as yet he has not arrived at any definite decision, so he stated this morning while in attendance at the State Supreme Court.

B. E. Greer, of Greenville, one of the most widely known textile manufacturers and business men of the State, has been prevailed upon recently to announce his candidacy, but as yet he has made no public statement on politics.

Holmes B. Springs, of Greenville, who made a wonderful record as colonel in command of transportation in the Thirtieth division overseas has been repeatedly talked of as a successor to Governor Cooper, but he also has kept quiet on the subject.

Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston, Lieutenant Governor, has been talked of as a probable candidate, but he has not talked. Governor Cooper's friends have been working in his behalf to have him nominated as Associate Justice of the State Supreme Court to break the deadlock which has existed since last year. Although the Executive has made no effort in his behalf, he undoubtedly would accept the commission to the bench, if elected, which would necessitate his resigning as Governor. Mr. Harvey then, automatically, would step up to the Executive's chair, logically putting him in the race in 1922 to succeed himself.

Another prominent possible candidate supposed from various quarters, but who has made no definite decision as far as is known, is Henry C. Tillman of Greenwood, son of the late United States Senator B. R. Tillman. He has had a distinguished career at the bar for a young man and has not been in State and federal politics in his own behalf. He was a captain of coast artillery in the World War.

Francis H. Weston, of Columbia district attorney for the United States Court of the Eastern District of South Carolina, for years one of the "war horses" of the State Senate as a Representative of Richland County, may make the race. However, he has made no definite announcement, although according to reports, he is giving the matter serious consideration. His term of office will not expire until next March and it is unlikely that he will make any announcement until that time.

Andrew J. Bethea, of Columbia, for mer Lieutenant Governor, and or time candidate for Governor, has announced that his "hat is in the ring" or gubernatorial honors. Mr. Bethea has a long career filled with political honors. Code Commissioner, Lieutenant Governor and private secretary to former Governor Ansel, and he has served as a major in the United States army.

Civic League Highly Grati fied

The Civic League met Monday afternoon, November 21, 1921 in the Court House at four o'clock. After the minutes, the reports of the committees were given. The chairman of the charity committee reported the Rook Tournament a great success, and the receipts therefrom added very materially to the Treasury's funds. The chairman spoke of a very unique case in which the League took a wonderful part. Through the influence of one of the doctors and the moral and financial aid of our charity chairman and the League, a young woman of our community was enabled to enter Roper Hospital and pursue a course in training.

Mrs. W. E. Reardon succeeded Mrs. J. A. Cole as chairman of the entertainment committee. Again our delegate from the district meeting reported the high standing of the League and the great esteem in which the organization was held.

The central district heartily accepted the cordial invitation of our president to meet here next year.

Mrs. Frank Huggins was unanimously elected a member of the League. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

RED CROSS NEWS

The Red Cross Roll Call which is now in progress is officially scheduled to close on Thanksgiving Day. However, the canvassers may have omitted some people who desired to contribute to this worthy cause, the local Red Cross asks that such people bring or send their contributions to Rev. J. A. Easley, chairman, Mr. T. A. Stukes, treasurer or Miss Ruth Moore, county nurse.

Considering the hard times, it is believed that the Roll Call has secured a fair number of members for 1922 and we hope that enough money will be raised so the Red Cross will be able to continue on with its work.

Overtured Lantern Ignites Gasoline

Last Sunday morning about one o'clock, while getting some gasoline out of the warehouse of Iseman Grocery Co., Mr. King the bookkeeper accidentally dropped his lantern, at the same time overturned a five gallon can of gasoline. When the gas and fire met, there was something doing. In a few seconds that end of the warehouse was afire. The fire department responded, and extinguished the blaze with little damage.

The parties that have won a turkey since the last issue of the Times at the New Idea Co's. sale are: Mrs. J. A. Alsbrook, Manning; Lige Kennedy, Gable; Wallace Plowden, Manning; Florence Davis, Manning; Oliver Gailard, Manning.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

November 20, 1901

Mrs. Abe Weinberg of Camden is visiting the family of Mr. A. Weinberg.

Mr. A. Nachman of Darlington, recently returned from a trip through Europe, is in Manning on a visit to his nephew, Mr. A. Weinberg.

Hon. Walter Hazzard, a prominent member of the Georgetown Bar and T. St. Mart Sasportus, Esq., colored, of the same Bar, were in Manning last Monday arguing a rule before Judge Aldrich.

The store of Mr. L. S. Barwick at Paxville, was broken into last Sunday night, but something must have prevented the thieves from carrying off any booty, as Mr. Barwick has been unable to miss any of his stock.

Tomorrow evening at the residence of Mr. T. C. Owens, his daughter, Miss Susan, will marry Mr. R. A. Hair of Columbia. Mr. Hair is a conductor on the Columbia city railway. Rev. P. B. Wells will perform the ceremony.

Hon. J. W. Ragsdale of Florence, is attending Court to appear before Judge Aldrich with Hon. J. P. Rhame, to make application for bail in the case of Smith and Dennis, charged with arson in Timmonsville.

The police of Columbia arrested Walter Wells, charged with the murder of William Parker. This is the case where two negro boys got into a fight in the Wilkins tobacco warehouse lot, and Wells cut Parker and was permitted to escape.

Miss Laura Neel Williams, late teacher of Stenography in the Spartanburg Business College, will open a school of Stenography at the residence of Mr. J. Furman Bradham, on November 25th. All parties contemplating a course in the study of shorthand should consult Miss Williams at once, at the office of Messrs. Wilson and DuRant, so as to be prepared to start with the class.

Last Sunday morning the home of Mr. J. S. Plowden, a farmer living in the Fork section about five miles north of Manning was totally destroyed by fire. The insurance on the house and furniture was very little, not covering as much as a third of the loss.

CO-OPERATIVE MEETINGS DRAWING GOOD CROWDS

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING OF THE TOBACCO CROP

Tobacco growers everywhere, and more particularly South Carolina growers, are determined to put a stop to the present unjust marketing system, which is nothing short of a fiasco in this State. The plan for co-operative marketing through a strictly growers selling association, now being pushed so vigorously throughout the tobacco territory of the state has been endorsed by members of the Pee Dee Bankers Association by a unanimous vote, by several business men's clubs, warehousemen and by leading growers over the entire tobacco belt. Hardly would it be possible to mislead and bull-doze so many South Carolinians, all interested in the economic development of their State.

The plan of Co-operative Marketing is not new. For more than twenty-five years fruit growers of California have been using this commodity marketing system to great advantage, while growers of various other products throughout the land have adopted this plan to their great benefit. But last year the Canadian Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association was formed. The member growers receiving prices for their tobacco far in advance over prices paid to non-members on the speculated markets. Sun cured growers of Virginia also merchandized their crop last season at a price almost double that paid on the loose leaf market.

An Association of growers under the terms of a binding contract, to intelligently market tobacco, through a specialized organization operating along sound business lines, are the out standing points of the Co-operative Marketing plan.

Tobacco will be delivered to the Association by member growers, the growers receiving loan value of the tobacco as a cash advance. After deducting actual operating expenses of the Association, the sale price of the tobacco will be pro-rated to the growers according to the quality and quantity of tobacco delivered, every one receiving the same price for the same grade.

The association will not become effective until a majority of the total production of tobacco in Virginia, North and South Carolina is under contract, and as the organization must be completed by January 1st, growers of this county have no time to lose in signing their "Declaration of Economic Independence." North Carolina is almost "over the top," while Virginia has long since past her quota with a 70 per cent sign up to date, and still driving on to 75 per cent by Christmas. The Burley Growers of Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, have secured a 75 per cent sign up already, and will handle this year's crop cooperatively. Will the organization fail in South Carolina, where growers are exploited as nowhere else? It is up to you, Mr. Tobacco Grower, to answer this question.

The Campaign Committee for South Carolina reports excellent progress. Six of the largest producing counties have gone a long way toward securing their quotas, while others are joining in the campaign with an enthusiasm which indicates victory in record time.

A series of mass meetings will be held throughout the tobacco belt of this state during four days of next week. Leaders in this great movement from Virginia and North Carolina will join with leaders from this state in addressing these meetings, and our growers should make it their business to attend the meetings in this county.

PROMINENT MEN TO SPEAK IN CLARENDON COUNTY

The campaign committee of the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Association has agreed to favor the people of our County with two of the very best speakers available for our meetings.

County Teachers Met Saturday

The first meeting of the Clarendon County Teachers was held at Court House Saturday, November 19th at eleven o'clock. The meeting was opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. J. A. Easley. This being the first meeting of new school year, the election of officers was next in order. The following officers were elected: President, Mr. D. M. Turbeville; Vice President, Mr. C. W. Spratt; Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Wilson. There were two very important subjects discussed. The first, Red Cross Roll Call was fully discussed by Rev. J. A. Easley. The second topic, Local Finances, discussed by Prof. A. T. Helms and Supt. E. J. Browne. Supt. Browne also explained the new compulsory school law.

There being no further business meeting adjourned to meet again December 17th at eleven o'clock.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Thanksgiving service at the Manning Baptist Church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. All those not planning to attend worship elsewhere are cordially invited to join with the Baptist congregation in this service.

on December the first. These meetings will be held at Manning and New Zion, and they are not for the purpose of starting our campaign for the Co-operative Marketing of Tobacco, but rather for the purpose of winding it up. The campaign is now on in the county and new men are signing the contract daily.

A number of the township chairmen and leading farmers are at work in their territory; and as a result tobacco growers are seeing the light and becoming members of the association. It is to be hoped that every effort will be put forth between now and the first, in order that on that day we may report that Clarendon County is doing her part in this great movement for a better system of marketing tobacco.

As mentioned above we are indeed fortunate in our speakers for December the first. On this date Dr. Clarence Farmer, Editor of The Progressive Farmer and one of the South's greatest Agricultural leaders will speak to the farmers of the Salem section at the Zion school house. The farmers of this section have already made plans for a big day of it, and they hope to have practically every farmer in their part of the county hear Dr. Farmer. Every one is invited to come and bring a picnic dinner. In addition to this it is expected that a number of barbecues will be prepared for the day.

The people of the other sections of the county are no less fortunate in their speaker for the day. Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Chairman of the Organization Committee of the Tri-State Association, will speak in the Court House at 11:00 o'clock. Dr. Joyner is a prominent farmer and business man of LaGrange, N. C., a former State Superintendent of Education of that State and one of the real leaders in North Carolina.

It was at one time planned to have a meeting at Summertown on the same date, but after discussing the matter with a number of the leading farmers and business men of that section, it was decided advisable to hold only the two meetings. Few farmers of that section grow tobacco and it is hoped and believed that they will attend the meeting in Manning.

It is seldom that we have the privilege of hearing speakers of calibre of Drs. Poe and Joyner, and I trust that we will honor them with record breaking crowds.

W. R. Gray, County Agent.

COTTON MEETING HELD LAST FRIDAY SUCCESSFUL

The meeting in the Court House Friday for the purpose of launching The Co-operative Cotton Growers' Association movement in this county was a most interesting one, and it demonstrated that the spirit of co-operation and business like marketing is impregnating our leading farmers.

A small though appreciative audience, listened to addresses of Mr. I. F. Belsor of Columbia and F. L. Harkey, Marketing Agent, of Clemson College. These speakers explained workings of the Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association very clearly. A number of the farmers also made short talks favoring the Association, and signified their readiness to join it.

The following officers were elected: F. T. Floyd of Manning, County Chairman and W. R. Gray, Secretary. It was decided to leave the matter of appointing other committees up to the chairman as it was too important a matter to go into hurriedly.

Upon motion the following resolution was then unanimously adopted:

Be it Resolved: "That this body composed of cotton growers of Clarendon County in session November 18th, 1921, having heard the Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association Contract explained, do hereby heartily endorse said Association and pledge our support," and further that the secretary be and is hereby instructed to have this resolution published.

Hold-up Near Trinity Wednesday Night

Last Wednesday night about seven o'clock, Mr. Copeland, bookkeeper for D. W. Alderman & Sons Co., at Alcolu, while returning to Alcolu from Manning, was held-up in Trinity Bay by four drunken negroes from Sumter. The hold-up was only an attempt, as Mr. Copeland got away from the negroes without losing anything. When he reached Alcolu he immediately got help and came back to the place he was stopped at, but the negroes, who were in an automobile had gone, he traced them on to Manning, and identified the bunch. They were placed in jail, and since then, they obtained bond, and are out to meet trial at the March term of court.

HOLLY—MONEY-MAKER

Mr. Harvey Boney of Rose Hill, North Carolina, is in Manning buying holly to ship north. People all over the county are bringing it in, and receiving the cash. This is a new industry for this community and it seems to be a money maker. It is believed now that Mr. Boney will pay out between three and six thousand dollars for this holiday green, which is a big help to our people.

Street Lights Again Shining

At a special meeting of Council held Saturday afternoon it was decided to appoint a committee to confer with the Manning Light and Ice Company, so as to get a settlement of the dispute existing between the Council and the above company. After a conference the following plan was suggested: That Council appoint a committee of three members, the light company three members, and these six to select three disinterested men. All details will then be threshed out. In the meantime we are enjoying the street lights again.

HONOR ROLL FOR MANNING GRADED SCHOOL

- 1st. grade—Imogene Ridgill.
- 2nd. grade—Josie Plowden, Joe Mathis, George Malcolm Smith, Joseph McElveen, Hugh A. Plowden, Frank Huggins, Stewart Harvin, Louis Appelt, William Breedin.
- 3rd. grade—Frank Barnes, Sarah Coffey, Sarah Chewning, Dorothy Ervin, Hattie Jayroe, Clarence Plowden, Maude Wells, Warrine McLeod, George Williams, Marshall Creecy, Tom McLeod, Cooper Dickson, Pierce Cantey.
- 4th. grade—Harriet Plowden, Frances McElveen, Witmer Shope, Lila May Allsbrook, Florence Davis, Dock Bradham.
- 5th. grade—Annie Sue Bradham, Cooper Belle Dickson, VVian Katzoff, Mary Edith Plowden.
- 6th. grade—Hattie Alice Mahoney, Frances Coskrey.
- 7th. grade—Ruth Cothran, Ruth Critcher, Lillian Ervin, Rosa Geiger, Audrey Young.
- 8th. grade—Louise Brown, Cora Mae Rawlinson, Olin Burgess, Harold Bagnal, Warren Clark.
- 9th. grade—Marjorie Creecy, Sara McKelvey.
- 10th. grade—Lily E. Spratt, Gertrude Gee, Mildred Smith.
- 11th. grade—Cecil Clark, William Richardson, Lula Rigby.

Manning Young Lady In Musical Circles

Miss Isabella Thomas, who is studying music at the New York School of Music and Arts is progressing rapidly in her work. "The Musical Courier" has the following: "Isabella Thomas followed, playing Liszt's 'Love Dream' nocturne with real Lisztian authority, including numerous artistic delicate touches, as she is studying with one of the few Liszt pupils in this country, Prof. Reisinger."

Mr. John S. Cuttino, former Manning boy, who now holds a very high office with U. S. Postal Service was in Manning Saturday to hold a Civil Service examination. Mr. Cuttino is now assistant chief mail clerk, located at Charleston.

MUSICAL AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUNDAY EVENING

An affair that was greatly enjoyed by all present was a musical given by the members of the choir of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening. On account of the bad weather there were lots of people in the county who could not be present; however, the Church was crowded. A silver offering was taken for which to help pay off the balance due on the pipe organ, the amount taken up was fifty dollars. The program that was carried out to a perfection follows:

- Solo—"Grande Choeur" Spencer, Miss Carolyn Plowden.
- Chorus—"Unfold ye Portals," Gounod, Choir—Messdames S. O. O'Bryan, H. Hagedorn, J. W. Wideman, S. I. Harvin, W. C. Davis, George Banks and Misses Rosa Mahaffey, Sue Spratt and Valley Appelt.
- Solo—"The Good Shepherd," Van de Water, Mrs. J. W. Wideman.
- Chorus—"The Lost Chord," Sullivan-Warhurst, Choir.
- Solo—"The Ninety and Nine," Edward Campion, Miss Rosa Mahaffey.
- Solo—"Offertoire in A Flat, Read, Miss Sue Spratt.
- Solo—"Gloria," Buzze-Peccin, Mrs. H. Hagedorn.
- Chorus—"I Waited for the Lord," Mendelssohn, Choir.
- Solo—"Even Song," Johnson, Miss Carolyn Plowden.
- Chorus—"We are but Strangers Here," Donizetti, Choir.

It is hoped that these ladies will give us another such treat in the near future.

ROOK PARTY

Mrs. J. C. Bradham entertained a few friends at her home on last Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Hyde of Charleston, who was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Easley. Rook was played at five tables, after which a salad course with coffee was served. These playing were: Messdames J. K. Breedin, Ingram, Bradham, A. C. Bradham, H. R. Rembert, George Williams, R. D. Clark, A. L. Luce, Joseph Dickson, J. D. Gerald W. T. Lezesse, Jr., W. M. Brockinton, F. C. Thomas, J. A. Easley, Hyde, R. E. Broadway, Misses Una Johnson, Mildred Smith, Lucy Johnson and the hostess.

Messrs. Charlton DuRant, H. I. Ellerbe, J. W. Wideman and S. Oliver O'Bryan were in Sumter Monday on legal business.

MAY GIVE FREEDOM TO WAR PRISONERS

Executive Clemency Discussed at White House.

BITTER DEBATE IN HOUSE

Miss Robertson Says Persons Unpatriotic During War Should Remain in Jail.

Washington, Nov. 22.—Extension of executive clemency to offenders against the wartime laws now serving prison sentences will be given early consideration by President Harding it was said today at the White House. The subject was discussed at the Cabinet meeting today and it was understood that a policy of clemency to these offenders was generally approved.

The President has asked the Attorney General for a digest of each of these cases and Mr. Daugherty expects to have the histories of the war prisoners completed in two weeks.

Under the administration's policy there would be no sweeping proclamation of amnesty, it was said officially, but each case would be considered on its merits separately and military, as well as civil offenders would be considered. However, the President is understood to view with disfavor the release of persons who advocated property destruction or industrial offenders, although particular attention would be given service men guilty of infractions of disciplinary regulations of more or less seriousness.

There are, according to Mr. Daugherty, about seventy-five civilian wartime law offenders now serving sentences in federal prisons and fourteen soldiers who would come within the clemency program.

A study of the treatment of this class of offenders by foreign nations as well as the precedents established in this country after the civil war had been begun by the Department of Justice, Mr. Daugherty, declared to aid the administration in reaching its decisions. He indicated that the justice department would favor freedom for these prisoners by pardon, commutation of sentence or parole, where the facts in the various cases and good conduct records would warrant it. Mr. Daugherty also declared he intended to obtain from the district attorneys throughout the country a list of the cases of war law offenders still pending for consideration with a view to bringing them to a close.

The question of freedom for Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, imprisoned at Atlanta, will be treated separately, Mr. Daugherty said, adding that recommendations to the President on the subject have been completed, although it was understood there would be no possibility of action by Thanksgiving. Any affirmative action in the case, he said, would be either a pardon or a commutation, as Debs was not eligible for parole, which requires that the prisoner should have served one-third of his sentence.

Debs will not have served a third of his ten-year sentence until next August.

Miss Alice Robertson, Republican of Oklahoma, only woman member of the House, contended that persons unpatriotic during the war should remain in jail.

ROOK PARTY

Mrs. Jno. G. Gerald was hostess to the Hill Neighborhood Club on last Wednesday afternoon when she entertained at five tables of Rook. Those enjoying her hospitality were: Messdames Joe Davis, R. D. Cothran, E. P. McLeod, H. C. Curtis, Frank Huggins, W. Scott Harvin, Sr., G. T. Floyd, Cary Smith, J. E. Arant, H. L. Crouch, H. M. Thomas, D. Hirschmann, C. M. McElveen, Frank Burgess, J. A. Cole.

A delightful salad course with tea was served after the game.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB

On last Friday afternoon, Mrs. E. L. Wilkins was hostess of the Rook Club. Rook was played at five tables. Those playing were: Messdames F. A. Richardson, F. C. Thomas, J. C. Bradham, F. L. Wolfe, Jas. Dickson, R. D. Clark, W. M. Brockinton, S. R. Venning, Alma Bradley, R. E. Broadway and Miss Rosa Ervin. Delicious refreshments with coffee were served the guests and on leaving each was presented with an individual box of home-made candies.

SENTENCE REFUSES TO BACK NEGRO

Washington, Nov. 22.—The nomination of Henry Lincoln Johnson, negro Republican national committeeman from Georgia, to be recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia, was rejected by the Senate late today. Senator Watson, Democrat, Georgia, was understood to have led the fight against the confirmation. He, it was said, also laid before the committee sworn statements of incidents in the nominee's career which the Senator declared warranted his rejection. The nomination was taken up when it was reported favorably from committee to the Senate.

The nomination was opposed also from the floor by Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia, who declared that the nomination was personally offensive to both he and Senator Watson.