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GREATEST FLOOD IN HALF CENTURY

Property Loss In Laurens County Unparalleled.

R. R. TRAFFIC CUT OFF

Houses and Bridges Swept Away, Crops Submerged and Farm Lands Terribly Washed.

Not since the memorable flood of 1852 has this section been visited by a greater water fall than that of Monday night and Tuesday, and the damage wrought to crops, farm lands, roads and bridges and railway property cannot be even approximately estimated. The heavy rain of Monday night, followed by the unprecedented downpour Tuesday afternoon, caused all the streams to rise rapidly and by 6 o'clock the high water mark of over a half century standing was broken and the greatest flood this generation ever witnessed had things in its grasp.

As a result practically all railway traffic in this section had to be abandoned before nightfall and travel over the public roads and bridges was rendered impracticable and dangerous. Three benches under the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens railroad trestle over Little River here were washed away and the last train to pass over was the return train to Columbia between 4 and 5 o'clock after making a short trip up the Greenville road in order to make a transfer connection with the regular passenger from Greenville which was cut off by reason of several washouts. Both the North Harper street and East Main street bridges over Little river were slightly wrecked and team travel over them was stopped Wednesday morning. Practically all the bridges over Rabun creeks and some on Reedy river are reported gone, while the gin houses at McDaniel's mill, on Rabun creek, and Culbertson's, on Reedy river, were swept away. It is also reported that the dwelling of Mr. Elmore, the miller at Culbertson's, met a similar fate. The trestle over Saluda river on the C. & W. C. road was put out of commission early Tuesday night as was the public bridge at Enoree. Neither was washed away but both were rendered unsafe.

Travel to the city yesterday was cut off from almost every quarter and full particulars of the flood's damage, of course, could not be ascertained. However, enough is known to show that the property loss in Laurens county alone is by far the greatest ever sustained. Not until the excitement incident to the election has abated will the people realize the seriousness and scope of the destruction. So far no personal injury or loss of life as a result of the high water has been reported.

Later.—Yesterday afternoon East Main street bridge, whose pillars were undermined Tuesday night, collapsed, thus cutting off all travel in that direction.

Later.—One of the railroad negro workmen was drowned in Little river Wednesday afternoon at the C., N. & L. trestle. He was at work repairing the trestle, fell, and being unable to swim, was drowned in the raging waters.

BRYAN CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TO GROW

Forty-two dollars and seventy-five cents have so far been contributed by the Democrats of Laurens to the Democratic National campaign fund, most of which has been voluntary contribution as the committee have as yet made no active canvass. Mr. John B. Brooks is in charge of the fund and with other assistance will begin at once a close and thorough campaign for increasing this amount. Mr. Brooks has already forwarded $25.00 of this amount to Mr. Norman F. Mack, of Buffalo, and the remainder will soon be sent to the proper authorities.

Following is the honor roll of Laurens Democracy: John B. Brooks, $1.00; W. W. Jones, $1.00; R. G. Franks, 50c.; S. R. Todd, $1.00; C. E. Gray, $1.00; E. Sitgreaves, 50c.; F. W. Little, 50c.; W. H. Washington, 50c.; W. W. Dodson, 50c.; W. H. Dial, 50c.; A. C. Failer, 50c.; J. W. Ferguson, $1.00; R. F. Jones, 50c.; S. P. Babb, 50c.; A. Schayer, 50c.; R. E. Babb, 50c.; J. H. Teague, 50c.; B. B. Blakely, 50c.; M. G. Owings, 50c.; T. D. Lake, $1.00; L. G. Balle, 50c.; C. M. Miller, 50c.; W. H. Gilkerson, 50c.; R. A. Cooper, $1.00; H. S. Blackwell, 50c.; R. H. Hudgens, 50c.; C. C. Featherstone, $1.00; John F. Bolt, $1.00; T. J. Duckett, $1.00; O. G. Thompson, $1.00; Cash, $1.00; A. D. Gray, $1.00; J. T. Crews, 50c.; R. H. Greneker, 50c.; R. L. Walker Printing Co., $1.00; C. M. Babb, 50c.; Moses Roman, 50c.; F. W. Greene, 50c.; H. Douglas Gray, 50c.; W. B. Sloan, $1.00; F. M. Smith, 50c.; C. M. Clarke, 50c.; F. K. Spratt, 50c.; W. M. Switzer, 25c.; W. G. Lancaster, 50c.; W. H. Anderson, 50c.; R. E. Hughes, 50c.; C. W. Taylor, 50c.; R. P. McNeil, $50c.; Laurens Advertiser, $1.00; R. C. Davis, $1.00; R. Coke Gray, 50c.; A. C. Todd, $1.00; S. D. Childress, 50c.; J. K. Gallegly, 50c.; J. H. Wharton, $1.00; W. R. Richey, $1.00; Henry Garrison, 25c.; D. L. Brooks, 25c., L. Meng, 50c.; B. A. Sullivan, 50c.; J. H. Traynham, $1.00; E. O. Anderson, 50c.; H. B. Humbert, 50c.; R. V. Irby, 50c.; W. D. Franks, 25c.; Cash, 50c.

ANSEL'S ADMINISTRATION ENDORSED.

Dispatches from Columbia early Wednesday morning predict the certain election of Ansel over Blease. The returns were very incomplete and little over half the polled vote had been received. From the meagre returns Ansel received 28,834 against 18,740 for Blease. It appears that Smith and Evans will be in the second race for the senate with Rhett a close third. Very little of the Spartanburg and Charleston vote is contained in the following figures, which were received as the latest returns Wednesday morning: Evans, 11,000; Grace, 279; Johnstone, 5,990; Lumpkin, 1,993; Martin, 1,999; Rhett, 9,529; Smith, 12,198.

For comptroller general A. W. Jones is re-elected. Boyd is re-elected adjutant and inspector general, the vote this morning being: Boyd 20,000 against 15,000 for Thompson in round numbers. The race for superintendent of education seem to be between Mellichamp and Swearingen. The vote is: Elmore 10,000 and about 13,000 each for Mellichamp and Swearingen. Cansler, of Tirzah, leads in the race for railroad commissioner with 10,661; Caughman, 10,636; Fishburne, 2,997; Richardson, 3,792; Summersett, 7,735.

The returns are incomplete and the entire standing may be changed by tomorrow.

Rev. W. E. Thayer returned Saturday from Tate Springs, where he spent two weeks of his vacation. Mr. Thayer filled the pulpit of the First Baptist church Sunday morning.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve Wins.

Tom Moore, of Rural Route 1, Cochran, Ga., writes: "I had a bad sore come on the instep of my foot and could find nothing that would heal it until I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Less than half of a 25 cent box won the day for me by affecting a perfect cure." Sold under guarantee at Laurens Drug Co.'s and Palmetto Drug Co.'s drug stores.

Mr. Vance Irby is again at home after visiting several of the popular summer resorts.

Weak women should read my "Book No. 4 for Women." It tells of Dr. Shoop's Night Cure. Tells how these soothing, healing, antiseptic suppositories bring quick and certain help. The Book is free. Address Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Palmetto Drug Co.

Card of Thanks.

In behalf of myself, family and for Mrs. King I wish to thank our many friends for their numerous kindnesses and many expressions of sympathy during the illness and upon the death of Captain A. A. King. Allow me to thank The Laurens Advertiser also for its kindly notice.

F. A. FRANKS.

Meeting Postponed.

The meeting of survivors advertised for August 28th, is postponed to Saturday, September 12th. Let every comrade bring his basket.

T. B. CREWS,
PAT CALDWELL,
W. A. McCLINTOCK.

Survivors of Co. F, 14th S. C. V.

A large crowd attended the annual re-union of Company F, 14th South Carolina Volunteers, which was held at Langston church last Wednesday, August 19th. Seventeen survivors of this gallant command were present and a very pleasant day was spent.

Miss May Belle Barre is visiting Miss Margie Leckie in Chester.

Deputy Sheriff A. R. Sullivan has returned from a few days' stay in Charleston.

Pain anywhere stopped in 20 minutes sure with one of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. The formula is on the 25 cents box. Ask your Doctor or Druggist about this formula. Stops womanly pains, headache, pains anywhere. Write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., for free trial to prove value of his Headache or Pink Pain Tablets. Sold by Palmetto Drug Co.

Dr. J. H. Teague has returned from Baltimore.

Oh! my stomach's a very uncertain thing,
I suffered the torment that costiveness brings,
But now I am happy, normal and free,
A miracle wrought by Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.
Palmetto Drug Co.

Mr. Marion Wilkes has returned from a visit to Norfolk and Baltimore.

When the Stomach, Heart or Kidney nerves get weak then these organs always fail. Don't drug the Stomach nor stimulate the Heart or Kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get a prescription known to Druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. This Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Strengthen these nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—Tablets or Liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Sold by Palmetto Drug Co.

Miss Dell Kilgore, of Woodville, spent last week with Miss Kate Wright.

Served as coffee, the new coffee substitute known to grocers everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee will trick even a coffee expert. For a grain of real coffee in it either. Pure healthful toasted grains, malt, nuts, etc., have been so cleverly blended as to give a wonderfully satisfying coffee taste and flavor. And it is "made in a minute" too. No tedious 20 to 30 minutes boiling. J. M. Philpot.

Rev. Charlton S. Todd arrived in the city Wednesday. Mr. Todd will preach at the First Baptist church Sunday morning.

AGED WHITE MAN COMMITS SUICIDE.

The city was stirred Monday morning by the news that some time during the night Mr. C. C. Wilson, a white man about fifty years old, had committed suicide in the police station house by hanging himself with the blanket from his bunk. Patrolman W. H. Dodson discovered the pendant body at about 1 o'clock in the morning on a casual stroll through the building. Life was extinct, the neck having been broken. Inquest was held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Wilson had been taken in charge by the police yesterday afternoon at about 5 o'clock for being drunk and disorderly; he has been arrested frequently for the same cause and detained over night. Last night he called for a blanket and Chief Bagwell attended to him. At 1 o'clock Mr. Dodson happened past the cell door where the drunken man was confined and noticed his body close upon the grating door, apparently standing. Thinking this an unusual posture for the man at that time of night he investigated and found that the body was hanging by the torn blanket from the uppermost bar of the cell door. Mr. Dodson called to Chief Bagwell and a messenger was dispatched for Dr. Schayer, but nothing could be done as the unfortunate man had been dead for some minutes at least.

The suicide was a painter by trade but whiskey had about destroyed his capacity for work. His family live at the Laurens mills. On several occasions before Mr. Wilson has threatened to take his own life. Many expressions of sorrow have been heard on the streets this morning for the deceased was a harmless man; only an unfortunate victim of drink.

Hexagon Block Tiling.

Mr. C. H. Mayhew, of Seneca, who has been in the city for some weeks past manufacturing the hexagon blocks for tiling purposes, is doing an excellent piece of work for Mr. J. N. Hudgens in the paving of his front walk. The tiles are vari-colored and make a pretty walk. It is among the most durable of materials in addition to its beauty. Mr. Mayhew is making these blocks from the sand around Hudgens' spring which he declares is the best for the purpose he has ever used.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dendy are at home from a visit to Mrs. Dendy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Culbertson, at Waterloo.

Dr. R. H. Bryson, of Bradley, who is visiting his home people at Ora, was in the city Saturday for the campaign meeting.

Mr. W. B. Clark, of Greenwood, spent a portion of his summer vacation at his old home near Langston.

SMALL VOTE CAST IN FIRST PRIMARY

Returns Obtained Under Many Difficulties.

SOME OF THE WINNERS

In Other Contests a Second Election Will Have to Settle It---Forecast of These Racers.

Pursuant to the rules of the Democratic party, the first primary election was held in Laurens county Tuesday, August 25th. The day was one of the most disagreeable that have ever been known and doubtless hundreds were kept away from the polls. In Laurens county the total vote will not exceed 2,800. Returns from the various precincts were secured with unusual and unprecedented difficulty owing to the heavy rains and the damage done bridges and wires.

The vote in tabulated form printed today is all that could be secured up to the last moment Wednesday afternoon. While there are not many definite results that can be gleaned from this vote, still it will be seen that Mr. R. D. Boyd is elected to the House of Representatives, and that Mr. W. C. Irby whose election is not assured, has a lead over the others that will not likely be changed. It seems to be altogether unsettled among Messrs. Richey, Sullivan agd Todd: Mr. Cunningham is out of the running. Mr. John F. Bolt is undoubtedly elected clerk of court over his one opponent, Mr. C. A. Power. Messrs. Hairston and Watts will run it over for Coroner. The race between Messrs. Cannon and Wharton is very close and the returns yet to come in may effect the present standing. Messrs Pitts and Nash run over superintendent of education. For county auditor it appears that the second race will be between Messrs. McCravy and Dorroh. Messrs Roper and Baily are elected commissioners.

Mr. J. D. Mock is re-elected treasurer by a good majority over his one opponent, Mr. J. Wade Anderson.

In Laurens township Mr. J. M. Hudgens for magistrate defeated Mr. W. R. Richey, Jr., by a small majority.

Returns have been secured from only twenty-two boxes giving the vote on State offices. Ansel and Blease ran together in this county much more closely than was expected, there being not two hundred votes between them. Boyd, Swearingen, Cansler and Caughman seemed to be favorites in Laurens. Following is the total vote up to late Wednesday afternoon:

Evans, 709; Grace, 3; Johnstone, 300; Lumpkin, 186; Martin, 265; Rhett, 361; Smith, 444; Ansel, 1,052; Blease, 1,245; Brooker, 435; Jones, 1,850; Boyd, 1,571; Thompson, 603; Elmore, 819; Mellichamp, 215; Swearingen, 1,130; Cansler, 1,205; Caughman, 247; Fishburne, 39; Richardson, 105; Summersett, 582.

Statement of Vote Cast at Primary Election Held August 25th, 1908.

PRECINCTS	House of Representatives						For Sheriff							Cl'k Court		For Coroner			Supt. of Education				Co. Treas		County Auditor				County Commissioners			
	Clarence Cunningham	W. C. Irby, Jr.	S. R. Todd	R. D. Boyd	Jared D. Sullivan	W. R. Richey	John D. Owings	O. C. Cunningham	J. P. Caldwell	B. A. Wharton	John D. W. Watts	T. J. Duckett	J. Thomas Peden	John F. Bolt	C. A. Power	W. D. Watts	R. O. Hairston	R. Wright Martin	J. C. Pitts	Thos. L. Boyd	R. W. Nash	Geo. L. Pitts	J. D. Mock	J. Wade Anderson	William T. Dorroh	Charlie W. McCravy	W. Lowndes Ferguson	R. W. Nichols	Homer C. Culbertson	T. Mac Roper	W. F. Bailey	M. W. Gray
Clinton	57	50	86	212	176	242	31	6	6	31	36	128	25	131	131	194	69	3	[illegible]	50	11	143	151	115	16	41	197	11	40	180	241	65
Clinton Mill	47	58	44	49	39	30	31	9	0	12	12	27	5	45	52	60	23	6	[illegible]	[illegible]	352	11	33	61	2	76	16	0	23	52	75	35
Laurens Mill	84	132	119	64	38	41	26	5	1	1	12	110	8	100	60	39	103	16	83	13	352	60	118	45	13	128	3	16	48	118	122	35
Hopewell	6	22	14	38	20	29	1	3	0	23	0	17	0	34	9	24	14	1	[illegible]	0	7	29	33	11	0	34	9	1	9	26	39	14
Lanford Station	9	21	16	45	29	38	7	1	1	3	3	33	6	34	19	9	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	42	5	12	31	24	11	39	0	3	7	21	46	30
Youngs	12	35	13	36	25	20	20	0	0	3	5	4	16	23	21	3	25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	14	39	10	36	9	3	1	3	27	31	27
Laurens No. 1	24	31	107	129	131	151	39	1	3	4	47	87	17	96	89	45	131	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	106	113	76	89	31	24	42	29	140	146	69
Laurens No. 2	162	260	253	193	181	151	47	24	6	39	92	195	19	227	188	89	202	[illegible]	[illegible]	34	[illegible]	202	261	153	111	177	19	110	104	318	308	106
Dial Church	15	27	9	32	21	13	11	0	0	1	1	1	22	27	7	1	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7	28	8	8	27	0	1	1	27	11	29
Power	26	39	31	43	31	32	32	0	0	0	0	7	29	12	56	29	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	29	59	9	48	10	1	8	20	45	22	29
Woodville	43	46	48	26	23	25	19	0	0	2	4	11	38	46	21	7	9	53	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	23	43	39	19	33	0	19	11	48	31	59
Lydia Mill	24	24	12	35	23	14	0	0	0	14	0	28	3	28	17	35	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	25	8	32	13	1	32	11	0	13	19	42	16
Gray Court	44	43	47	44	55	35	47	0	0	0	4	6	33	56	35	10	43	38	11	8	18	51	52	39	73	11	2	2	15	65	54	46
Mt. Pleasant	41	48	33	33	8	2	3	26	2	0	6	18	0	28	25	10	37	[illegible]	3	2	37	12	45	10	3	22	6	24	41	19	31	15
Waterloo	17	20	11	37	36	35	0	1	0	36	1	14	10	23	29	31	16	2	0	1	37	14			12	21	3	20	2	16	38	14
Langston Church	28	25	25	35	17	26	5	1	2	2	8	31	4	28	29	9	11	1	0	26	11	14	35	22	9	31	6	8	21	46	28	19
Ora	3	7	14	29	19	24	1	0	0	1	3	17	8	9	25	11	16	1	3	26	1	4	33	1	13	11	3	7	4	22	31	11
Cross Hill	41	102	71	138	130	106	1	1	1	148	13	34	7	126	78	145	43	15	21	5	149	29	160	46	15	153	14	26	78	104	145	80
Mountville	21	66	35	51	34	21	3	1	0	37	9	26	3	54	23	65	14	0	0	11	31	25	58	18	4	61	12	1	39	18	56	47
Watts Mills	47	96	67	72	38	40	36	19	0	6	13	39	15	70	56	41	33	10	36	13	21	65	77	51	21	91	2	13	47	58	103	42
Shiloh	34	46	37	20	10	9	9	0	0	1	23	6	17	45	11	12	14	30	[illegible]	[illegible]	27	26	26	30	6	34	1	12	15	34	40	17
Goldville	19	17	39	28	15	20	1	1	0	34	5	3	2	36	10	42	4	0	3	0	1	39	39	7	1	40	3	2	1	43	45	3
Renno	38	20	14	58	37	16	1	0	0	1	17	38	4	38	25	43	18	2	13	1	7	42	23	40	0	11	50	2	19	51	49	3
Cook's Store	10	13	22	16	21	17	10	0	0	0	3	3	22	26	12	12	13	13	3	3	21	7	33	5	14	6	2	16	7	22	25	20
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Daniels Store																																
Tiptop																																
Tumbling Shoals																																
Brewerton																																
Princeton																																
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TOTAL	852	1238	1161	1431	1117	1121	375	107	22	399	364	886	313	1394	1048	978	1061	115	80	26	831	975	1522	827	525	1135	390	343	579	1519	1759	831

For the State senate: Twenty-six boxes give Wharton 1,231 and Cannon 1,230.