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## LARGEST AUDIENCE YET, AT SPARTANBURG

### J. Frazer Lyon Will Indict Barney Evans.

### BLEASE'S BODYGUARD EMPLOYED BY STATE

Largest Audience Yet was very Orderly. Majority of those Present were for Blease, Although they had come from Several Counties to See their Chief.

A representative of The Advertiser attended the campaign meeting in Spartanburg Friday. The best way to size up the character of the audience would be by saying that it was composed of just such people as would be expected at a meeting in Laurens. It was composed largely of farmers and not a few mill workers, although it could not be said that such a large number of mill men were there. A meeting for them was held Friday evening. As would be expected from most any state campaign meeting at this time, the majority of the audience was for Blease as the governor's "friends" will go miles to hear him. Jones had a strong following in the crowd and doubtless, taking the view that his followers are not as prone to attend the meetings and not as demonstrative after they get there as are the Blease men, he felt very well satisfied with the day. Gov. Blease had the usual hand primary. A well known Blease follower of this city who was in the audience and about thirty feet from the stand claimed that at least eighty-five per cent of the hands went up for Blease. The Advertiser's representative, who was next to him, estimated that about sixty per cent of the hands went up for Blease. A former supporter of Blease and now a Jones man, from Ninety Six, who only happened to be in Spartanburg on his way elsewhere and who stood on the outskirts of the audience and had a view of the entire crowd from a wagon, estimated that about one half of the hands went up. On the proposition from Gov. Blease that the Jones men hold up their hands, very few could be seen near the stand. Only a few of the Jones men who were present responded to the bidding of the governor. After the meeting was over, this correspondent asked three and only three Jones men if they held up their hands and each of them declared that he did not. This correspondent did not, making four out of four, so it can be safely said that but a bare sprinkling of Jones men cared to take up the governor on his unsolicited proposition.

The speech of Judge Jones was well received by the audience. He was roundly applauded at many points and at the close. The applause for him was characterized largely by hand-clapping instead of cheering.

Gov. Blease made a remarkable speech, principally noteworthy because of the ease with which he evaded issues or charges. It was an appeal to the prejudices of poorer people and had the desired effect on many.

The Spartanburg Herald gives a full account of the day, as follows:

Thirty-five hundred voters endured with perfect decorum the harangues of twelve candidates for state offices yesterday in a pine grove on Kennedy street. Partisanship ran high over the Jones-Blease race for governor, but one one enthusiast was arrested and the crowd as a whole behaved admirably. There was a reason. One hundred and fifty policemen, according to a statement from the chairman, E. L. Archer, were on duty on the grounds, and the sternest of admonitions were given potential disturbers of the peace regarding that which would happen to any one who violated the proprieties of the occasion. Industrial workers, mostly cotton mill operatives, far outnumbered any other element in the crowd, and there were some hundreds of persons present from other counties. Not many representatives of mercantile or professional pursuits were in evidence and the agricultural contingent also was relatively small. Judge Jones and Governor Blease both professed satisfaction with the meeting. Flowers were poured upon the platform for both candidates and Governor Blease was presented with a silver loving cup by Iris Landrum, the 8-year-old daughter of B. G. Landrum, a liveryman of Spartanburg, who is a member of the governor's staff.

Outstanding Features. Outstanding features of the meeting, from the news standpoint, besides the absence of half-expected disorder,

## CHICORA TRUSTEES TO BE AGAIN CALLED

Dr. H. K. Aiken has Received Letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. H. K. Aiken has received the letter below from Rev. E. E. Gillespie secretary of the board of trustees of Chicora college. It will be seen by a reading of it, that another meeting of the board will be called at some future date at which the answer of the Laurens committee will be discussed. What action will be taken is of course doubtful, but it seems that Laurens will have another opportunity to show that it has a moral and legal right to hold the board to its original proposition. The letter of Rev. Gillespie is as follows:

Yorkville, S. C.,

July 31, 1912.

Dr. H. K. Aiken, Chairman,

Laurens, S. C.

My Dear Dr. Aiken:

I beg leave to acknowledge the receipt of your reply to the action of the Board of Trustees of Chicora College in session in Greenville, S. C., July 19, 20, and assure you that proper steps will be taken at an early date for a meeting of the Board to receive and consider the answer from the people of Laurens declining to release the Board of Trustees of Chicora College from the proposition made to them relative to removal of the college to their city. Due notice will be given you of the proposed meeting.

Yours fraternally,

E. E. Gillespie.

### Buys a Home.

Mr. W. B. Sloan has purchased through Bishop & Wolf the house and lot on Martin street formerly owned by Mr. W. G. Lancaster and now occupied by Mr. Lockwood. Mr. Sloan buys this as an investment.

and the small turnout of voters in view of the poll of 8,594 in this county two years ago, were as follows:

**Lyon Will Indict Evans.**  
An announcement by J. Frazer Lyon, attorney general, following repetition by his opponent, Barnard B. Evans, of scandalous charges hitherto made on the stump against various persons, that he purposed to swear out a warrant against Evans shortly to test the application to campaign meetings of the slander and libel statute enacted at the recent session of the general assembly. Mr. Lyon said he had requested friends on the platform to take down Evans' utterances for the purposes of this prosecution.

Vigorous criticism by Judge Jones of Governor Blease's record, particularly of his action in allowing 172 of the 200 general acts enacted by the legislature at its recent session to become laws without either approving or disapproving them, though it is plainly contemplated by the constitution that he shall express himself on such measures.

Reading by Judge Jones of a telegram from Columbia, signed "Daughters of the Confederacy," saying, "We are working and praying for your success."

**W. F. Beard's Status.**  
The development of the status of W. F. Beard, of Abbeville, described by Judge Jones as the governor's bodyguard. Mr. Beard, who has attended most of the meetings during this campaign, always occupying a seat on the platform, said after the meeting that he was armed, as Judge Jones charged, but held a commission from the governor, dated July 15, as "deputy chief constable." He said his special detail was to preserve order on the stand.

**Bleasé Denounces Rumor.**  
Denunciation by Governor Bleasé of persons responsible for a rumor which he said was in circulation here to the effect that he had been paid \$5,000 to allow Judge Sease to handle without interference the case of W. J. Masee, the capitalist of Macon, who was recently arrested here on a Tennessee warrant.

Sarcastic reference by the governor to the notorious dictagraph episode in Spartanburg and the howling down of John P. Grace, mayor of Charleston, who is supporting Judge Jones.

Governor Bleasé came to the platform accompanied by W. P. Beard, Sam J. Nicholls, Harry Stokes, of Nashville, who came here to ask the extradition of Masee; P. H. Corley, of Lexington, a special agent of the Southern railway, who has been with the campaign party all the week, and J. G. Long, of Union, a deputy sheriff, who is a member of the governor's staff. Today, however, he said nothing concerning fear of assassination. Governor Bleasé last night addressed at the court house a large number of sympathizers mostly cotton mill operatives who were at work during the day.

J. G. Long, of Union, brought here today a loving cup which a committee of admirers expect to present to Governor Bleasé at the

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## HOW THE CANDIDATES WILL VOTE.

### JONES

R. D. Boyd  
E. R. Aycock  
E. W. Copeland  
J. H. Miller

John D. Owings

C. F. Brooks

L. Dunk Curry

Mr. W. F. Bailey, candidate for county commissioner, has not yet expressed himself.

### STATE SENATE

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

### SHERIFF.

### CLERK OF COURT

### AUDITOR.

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### BLEASE

O. P. Goodwyn

H. S. Blackwell  
Geo. A. Browning, Jr.  
W. W. Campbell  
W. C. Irby, Jr.  
W. R. Richey, Sr.  
Jos. G. Sullivan

W. S. Bagwell  
J. T. Peden

John F. Bolt  
C. A. Power

Joel A. Smith  
J. Waddy Thompson

Austin Abercrombie  
J. B. Hitt  
T. Mac Roper

## S. DAVE CHILDRESS PASSED AWAY MONDAY

After an Illness of Several Months, During which Time his Life was More than Once Despaired of, He Passed Away Early Monday Morning.

Mr. Samuel David Childress, one of the most prominent business men of the city and an extensive farmer, died at his home here Monday morning at 6 o'clock after an illness of several months. He had been gradually sinking for some weeks, so his death was not unexpected. When he died all of his immediate family and near relatives were nearby.

The funeral services were held at the Laurens cemetery yesterday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. L. P. McGee, in the absence of his pastor, Rev. C. F. Rankin. A large number of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the body to its last resting place, attesting the high esteem in which he was held by all. The grave was beautifully covered with many handsome floral designs.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. James Craig, C. F. Brooks, R. G. Franks, W. C. P. Robertson, B. A. Sullivan, J. Warran Bolt, Jim Barksdale, J. B. Owings, J. J. Denny, Walter Sloan.

The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. Col. J. W. Ferguson, Maj. W. A. Watts, C. W. Tume, Dr. Gritton, Dr. W. C. Irby, Dr. R. E. Hughes, J. H. Kennedy, J. D. Watts, Mansel Owings, W. L. Gray, R. A. Cooper, G. C. Albright, A. Huff, Capt. J. M. Philpot, J. C. Owings.

Mr. Childress was fifty years of age. He was born in Dial township, the son of the late J. R. Childress. In early life he moved to this vicinity and for the past twenty years has been living in this city. He married Miss Ursula Parks, daughter of the late Ursula Park, daughter of the late drea survive him. They are Messrs. Fowler, Dick and David Childress and Misses Annie, Lucy and Nell Childress. He was a brother of Messrs. W. P. T. B., J. D. and R. O. Childress, all of this county, and Mrs. R. A. Jones and John Edwards, of Fountain Inn.

Mr. Childress was a man of large business interests and came in contact with many people, who admired and honored him. He was always known for honesty of purpose and uprightness of character, being upon the right side upon all public questions of material and moral benefit to the town. He had numerous close personal friends, who always reposed the greatest confidence in him. Shortly before his death, he made his peace with this world and prepared for the next. His death is greatly deplored by his many friends and many expressions of sympathy have been extended to the bereaved family.

### RED SPIDER APPEARS.

Several Farmers State that the Dangerous Insect has Made Its Appearance.

Several farmers were in the city yesterday who declared that the red spider had made its appearance in this county and that much cotton was being destroyed. This little insect is causing great damage elsewhere and doubtless immediate steps will be taken to stamp it out. Methods of treatment will be found in another column of this paper. Prompt action is necessary for results.

## CAMPAIGN PARTY COVERS THE COUNTY

Few Variations in Meeting, but Nothing of Great Significance Brought out "Fresh."

The party of county candidates filled out six days of hard work last week. Laurens, Laurens Mill, Langston, Sardis, Clinton Mills, Clinton, Lydia Mills, Hopewell, Goldville and Cross Hill were visited in the order named. At the Laurens mill and at the Clinton mill the meetings were characterized by considerable disorder. Messrs. Copeland and Aycock, candidates for the legislature and supporters of Judge Jones, being howled down by Blease supporters. Although no reports have come from the Clinton mill since the occurrence, it is understood that a great many of the Laurens mill citizens resent the rowdiness shown by some of the audience there and regret that the candidates were not given a fair showing. It is presumed that a number of the Clinton mill people feel the same way.

At the Clinton mill meeting, Messrs. Aycock and Browning, candidates for the legislature upon opposite tickets, passed sharp words, but after the meeting, their friends brought them together and now the best of feeling prevails. Mr. Browning accused Mr. Aycock of publicly declaring that all people who supported Gov. Blease were anarchists. Mr. Aycock denied the charge and Mr. Browning produced an affidavit from Mr. P. S. Jeans, of Clinton, in which it was sworn that Mr. Aycock had used the language attributed to him. Mr. Aycock admitted that he had said something about Blease and anarchism but that he had not used the exact words attributed to him. An argument arose resulting in Mr. Aycock branding a statement of Mr. Browning as a lie. Friends intervened, the two candidates were "cooled down" and as stated above they met and made proper amends for their conduct.

Mr. W. F. Bailey made his first appearance at the Clinton meeting and thanked the voters for their past support and asked that if he were considered a capable officer that he be again elected. The speeches of the other "court house" officers varied very little from those made hitherto. Mr. John F. Bolt claimed that he had put in a telephone so that the people could reach him easier and declared that the reason he was not in his office a great part of the time was because he was out on the street attending to business which some of the voters had telephoned to him and asked him to attend to. Mr. Bolt said that if he did not attend to it it would go unattended to. Mr. J. Waddy Thompson took sick after reaching Clinton and did not appear to speak. Mr. Hairston was also absent because of pressing business.

The race for the house of representatives took on no new feature, except that Mr. Richey took up a big part of his time extolling the virtues of Cole L. Blease, the present aspirant for re-election to the governor's chair. Mr. Richey reviewed the career of the governor during the past two years, declaring that no proof had been shown that Blease was a grafter and that none of the charges of Felder, Burns and Grace had been substantiated.

The senatorial candidates said over

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## MESSER BABB DIED MONDAY MORNING

After being in Ill Health for Several Years and Confined to his Bed for Many Months, this well Known and Highly Respected Citizen Died Monday.

After a prolonged illness stretching over a period of several years, Mr. Messer Babb, one of the city's best known citizens and a member of the well known family of that name in this county, died at his home here early Monday morning, about 3 o'clock. Mr. Babb had been in ill health for four or five years and on different occasions before, his life had been despaired of. For the past few weeks his death had been momentarily expected. Coming as it did, after a long vigil, his death was easier to bear by his devoted family.

Mr. Babb was 69 years of age. He was born in the Babbtown section of this county, being the youngest of three sons of Sampson Babb, Jr. His elder brothers were the late Martin E. Babb, who was clerk of court of the county at one time and who died in 1883, and the late Thaddeus Babb, who died about eight years ago. The three of them went to the war and fought throughout the conflict. Mr. Messer Babb was a member of Co. A, 6th S. C. Cavalry, known as Sullivan's company. He fought with courage and fidelity, having been wounded on one occasion. He returned after the war and followed the pursuit of farming and merchandising. He remained on the farm until elected to the office of county treasurer in 1896. He held this office for two terms and since that time has occupied several clerical positions in the court house. At the time of his death, he was clerk in the county commissioners office.

Early in life Mr. Babb married Miss Laura Hellams, daughter of Squire John Hellams, who lived near him in Dials township. The devoted wife and six children survive him: Messrs. R. E. Babb, R. A. Babb and T. E. Babb and Misses Nannie, Mary Belle and Sarah Babb. His two sisters are Mrs. J. H. Babb and Mrs. John Woods, of this county.

Mr. Babb was an upright, honest citizen and a man of many sterling qualities. He was always cordial and friendly to those with whom he came in contact and numbered his friends by hundreds. He was a patriotic, public spirited citizen who had always the best interests of the county at heart. His death is greatly deplored by many people all over the county.

The funeral services were held yesterday morning in the Laurens cemetery, Rev. L. P. McGee, his pastor, conducting the services. A large concourse of people followed the body to the grave and many beautiful flowers were placed on the grave out of tribute to him.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. C. M. Babb, V. M. Babb, Marcus Nash, Charles F. Brooks, L. G. Balle, Arthur Harris, Claude H. Babb, S. P. Babb, Cle L. Babb, Col. O. W. Babb, Sampson Babb, Ernest Harris, L. A. Brooks, William Brooks, Tully Woods.

The honorary pall bearers were: Messrs. H. B. Humbert, T. MacRoper, B. A. Sullivan, R. A. Cooper, H. Y. Simpson, O. G. Thompson, J. J. Pless, Dr. J. H. Teague, E. P. Minter, M. L. Roper, Dr. W. H. Dial, Dr. W. C. Irby, L. B. Bolt, Y. C. Hellams, W. L. Gray, J. F. Tolbert, and Jared D. Sullivan.

### Lydia Mill Managers.

Mr. W. T. Crews, chairman of the county executive committee, has sent in the following names as managers of the election at Lydia mill: T. C. Boyce, John C. Wilson and N. W. Campbell. It will be remembered that in the first list of managers, the Lydia mill box was omitted because no one was present at the committee meeting to suggest names.

### Ranked with the Best.

There are many readers of this newspaper, we are sure, who will regret to learn that because of illness Mr. S. E. Boney, who has reported the State campaign meetings since the first of them, will not be able to finish out the campaign, as he was anxious to do and as it was intended that he should. It is not our opinion alone, but that of some of the most competent judges in the state, that Mr. Boney's reports will rank with the best that have ever been done in South Carolina.—News and Courier.

## CAMPAIGN PARTY TO BE HERE TODAY

Speaking to Commence at 10:30.

AT HOLMES PARK NEAR THE DEPOT

Special Officers have been Sworn in by the Mayor and Perfect Order will be Observed. Candidates for Governor to Speak Last. Gov. Bleasé to Close

The state campaign party will be here today. Some of the candidates arrived last night and the rest will get in on the early train this morning. The speaking will be held as usual at Holmes Park, on the other side of the C. N. & L. railroad from the passenger station. A platform and seats have been provided and everything will be made as comfortable as possible. Only the candidates, police officers and newspaper men will be allowed on the platform.

In view of the fact that some disturbances have taken place at previous campaign meetings this year, the city council has thought it wise to prepare for any emergency, so a sufficient force of extra policemen has been sworn in to preserve perfect order. The county executive committee has also drawn up resolutions urging that order be maintained. The following has been received from that committee:

"At a recent meeting of the county democratic executive committee, the following resolutions were unanimously passed; with the request that the county chairman, as the presiding officer at the meeting, read them to the audience from the stand at the opening of the meeting:

"Resolved, that, inasmuch as the impression has gone abroad that there is likely to be boisterousness and rowdiness at the meeting in Laurens, we, the members of the county democratic executive committee repudiate such suggestion or anticipation of any other than a quiet orderly gathering of the good citizens of Laurens county and call upon all good citizens to 'nip in the bud' the first signs of turbulence or misbehavior on the part of any person present, and to lend every effort possible in the prompt suppression and removal of any person who shall persist in raising a disturbance by indulging in any invectives or unparliamentary language towards any of the speakers, nor will any candidate on the stand be tolerated who jeopardizes the peace and security of those in the audience by singling out individuals at whom to direct his remarks."

"Resolved 2nd, That Laurens county is as jealous of the good name and as anxious to preserve peace and quiet at any and all political gatherings held within her borders as is any county in the state and we believe that all good citizens, of whatever political factions, are determined that the meeting here today shall not be marked by disorder or rowdiness in the least. The people are at full liberty to cheer their candidates, but let all such enthusiasm be kept within proper bounds of reason and decorum and Laurens county preserve her good name for law and order."

The secretary of the campaign party had not arrived when this paper went to press last night. Since he arranges the program, it could not be secured in time for this paper. However, it is known that the candidates for governor will come last and that John T. Duncan will speak first, Ira B. Jones second and Cole L. Bleasé third. Mr. Duncan will begin his speech about one o'clock. It is hardly probable that any intermission will be taken for dinner.

From Laurens, the party goes to Greenwood.

**Katzenjammer Kids Wednesday.**  
The Katzenjammer Kids and Pathe's weekly will hold the boards at the moving picture show tonight and tomorrow night. The Katzenjammers and Der Captain will be shown tonight and the Pathe weekly tomorrow night. Among the scenes on the Pathe weekly this time, will be a reproduction of the unveiling of the Woman's monument in Columbia. This doubtless will attract a large crowd. Mr. Lavender announces that these two feature reels will be here on Wednesday and Thursday of each week.