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## FIRST PRIMARY NEXT TUESDAY

### Election of a Mayor and Aldermen

### TWO CANDIDATES FOR MAYORS JOB

Every Candidate for Alderman has Competition and the Race Promises to be Exciting and Close all the Way Through.

Next Tuesday the 15th the Laurens City Democratic Club will hold the first primary for the selection of Mayor and Aldermen for the city. So far only two have announced their candidacy for the office of mayor, Mr. C. M. Babb, the incumbent and Mr. Allison Lee, Editor of the Laurens Advertiser. The following gentlemen have announced their candidacy for alderman from their ward: Ward One, Carlos R. Moseley and C. H. Gasque; Ward Two, J. Warren Bolt and Boyd Sexton; Ward Three, W. E. Hawkins, J. W. Hellams, C. B. Adams and M. L. Motes; Ward Four, T. C. Switzer, J. E. Tollison and W. P. Sullivan; Ward Five, Earl Wilson and R. G. Franks; Ward Six, Jeff J. Adams and Aug. Huff.

According to the rules of the city club it is necessary to have been in the city four months in order to be eligible to vote. It is necessary to have been in the ward five days before the primary in order to vote in that ward. Those changing wards after five days before the election will vote in the ward from which they moved.

As specified by the constitution of the club there will be two boxes for the voters. One will be placed in the county court house for all voters except those in Ward Three. All Ward Three voters will cast their ballot in a box to be located at or near the Laurens Mill Store.

**One New Candidate.**  
Only one new candidate has been added to the roll since the last issue of The Advertiser. Mr. M. L. Motes announces in this issue his candidacy for the office of alderman to represent Ward Three.

### VISITED COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Dr. I. W. Hill and Prof. W. H. Barton accompany Supt. Sullivan on Tour of Schools.

Dr. I. W. Hill, formerly superintendent of education of Alabama and now in charge of corn club work in fifteen southern states, with Prof. W. H. Barton, of Clemson college and Supt. J. H. Sullivan, visited a number of Laurens county schools last week making addresses at each place visited. They were met by large and enthusiastic crowds, much interest being shown in the subjects discussed. Prof. Barton addressed the assembled children and patrons on the subject of "Agriculture" while Dr. Hill and Mr. Sullivan discussed "The Connection between Agriculture and Education." The following schools were visited: Friendship, Youngs, Grays, Huntersville, Patton, Ebernezer, Gray Court-Owings, Dials, Eden, Hickory Tavern, Trinity-Ridge and Hurricane.

### WILL MEET SATURDAY.

Teachers of the County Will Hold Regular Session this Week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Laurens County Teachers association will be held in the graded school auditorium next Saturday, beginning at eleven o'clock in the morning. This meeting promises to be one of the most interesting so far held and it is expected that practically all of the teachers of the county will be in attendance. The most important point of discussion will be the next County School Fair.

The program is as follows:  
"How Much of My Time Should I Devote to Teaching My Pupils How to Study." Miss Lucille Turner.  
"The Need of a Uniform Standard for the Schools of Laurens County and How This Standard May be Established." Mr. Ralph Wilson.  
"Final Instructions for the County Fair Preparations." Supt. James H. Sullivan.

## WATERLOO BOY ROBBED BANK

Loaned Part of Money to Innocent Friend and Both Started for Coal Fields.

G. L. Long, the young Waterloo man arrested in Greenville Thursday morning for robbing the Bank of Waterloo, was granted bail in the sum of \$800 by Magistrate Traynham Monday morning and soon after left for his home. G. L. Proffitt, the other young man arrested with him at the time, was released soon after the arrest without any charges being preferred against him, it being clearly shown that he was innocent of any connection with the robbery. Young Long cleared him of all complicity in the crime soon after the arrest by stating that he alone had robbed the bank and that Proffitt knew nothing of it. The story of the case, as taken from The Greenville News, is as follows:

"First Sergeant Noe of the police department yesterday afternoon arrested G. L. Long and G. L. Proffitt, two young men of near Waterloo and Laurens respectively, charged with having stolen \$125 from the bank of Waterloo last Saturday near noon. Long confessed last night to the officers that he took the money alone and that Proffitt had nothing to do with it.

"When seen last night at the city hall, Long did not want to talk when a reporter for the Greenville News saw him by permission of the officers. He at first believed that the reporter was a detective and stated that he had nothing to say. When told by one of the officers, however, that he was a newspaper reporter and not a detective, Long replied:

"That's worse, I'd rather talk to a detective!"

When informed that there was no way of keeping the story out of the paper, he stated that he was willing to make a clean breast of the entire affair and did so. He began by saying:

"I'm from a good family and— Here he choked up and silently wiped his eyes. Several times while telling of the affair Long broke down; but finally gave a very lucid account of the whole thing.

"He stated that Saturday morning he went alone to the bank and found all the doors open, including that of the safe and that he entered and helped himself. He took \$100 in \$5 notes and \$25 in dimes, the latter being found upon him. He said that \$50 of the currency was buried upon his father's farm; but when asked, refused to give his father's name. It is Wash Long however, a well known farmer of near Waterloo.

"Long stated that as long as he could remember the bank was left standing open around the dinner hour and that he decided to rob it, so he entered and took the money, un molested.

"He went to the farm and buried a part of the money and then got Proffitt, who lives near Laurens, to accompany him to this city, the two being enroute to the Virginia coal fields. Both carried suit cases with all their clothing in them and they had another small grip to carry soiled linen and their shaving apparatus.

"Proffitt has evidently traveled about to some extent for his suitcase bore the express tag of a number of cities somewhat distant from the quiet little town of Laurens. He was clearly the shrewder of the two for he refused to talk to any great extent beyond saying he had nothing to do with it.

"After the robbery the bank officials kept quiet and hence the fact was not known outside of a limited few until the capture of the boys was made. Sheriff John D. Owings, of Laurens, stated last night over long distance telephone that he first learned of the robbery last night and that he would come for the prisoners today.

"The police received a telephone call from Laurens yesterday afternoon to look out for these two men on the afternoon train, though the message came after the train had arrived. The officers scattered about over town and began looking for them. Sergeant Noe went by the Royal restaurant and saw two young fellows sitting in there eating. He went through on the pretext of getting a drink of water and decided that they were the ones he wanted. "He did not interrupt them as they

## REV. W. E. BARRE PASSES TO BEYOND

Superannuated Minister of the Methodist Church Passed Away at his Home Here Friday.

Rev. Wesley Eldson Barre, for many years a minister in the South Carolina Methodist Conference and for the past eight years a resident of this city, died at his home on North Church street Friday morning after an illness of about a week. Mr. Barre had been in declining health for some time, but the end was hastened by an attack of paralysis a week previous to his death. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Laurens cemetery, being largely attended by friends and relatives of the deceased. The services were made the more impressive by the presence of the Presiding Elder of this district, the Rev. P. F. Kilgo, and four other Methodist ministers serving charges in this vicinity, as follows: Rev. J. R. T. Major, pastor of the First Methodist church; Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor of the Second Methodist church; Rev. Rairy, of Clinton; and Rev. T. W. Munerlyn, of Gray Court.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. J. W. Dunklin, L. G. Balle, E. O. Anderson, R. B. Terry, T. C. Switzer, Geo. L. Pitts, L. B. Blackwell, Clarence Reid. The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. W. L. Gray, J. J. Pluss, H. Terry, J. F. Tolbert, Aug. Huff, R. E. Babb, Dr. W. H. Dial, J. F. Bolt, S. G. McDaniel, B. A. Sullivan, O. B. Simmons, J. H. Sullivan, Y. C. Hellams, C. H. Gasque. The pall bearers were selected largely from among the officers of the First Methodist church, of which the deceased has been a member since his residence in Laurens.

Wesley Eldson Barre was born in Edgefield county, August 11, 1851. He attended the common schools of his community and later attended Wofford college where he graduated. Soon after his graduation he began preparation for the ministry and joined the Methodist Conference which he served for about thirty years. Eight years ago, on account of declining health, he was put upon the superannuated list by the Conference and since that time he has resided here. His ministry was characterized by a devoutness, faithfulness to ideals and earnest service which was productive of much good wherever he was called upon to labor. Early in life Rev. Barre married a Miss Barr, of Lexington county. She and the following children survive him: Mrs. W. T. Moore, Miss May Delle Barre, Miss Edna Barre and Mr. W. O. Barre.

### Wholesale Firm Commissioned.

The Dixie Flour & Grain Company, which has been doing a thriving wholesale business here and at Greenville for a number of years has been granted a commission of incorporation by the secretary of state. F. K. Spratt, John Spratt and James C. Todd are named as incorporators.

### Ambassador and Sunbeam Community Fair.

The Royal Ambassadors and Sunbeams of Watts Mills are getting ready for their Community Fair to be held at the Library, February 18th, are very enthusiastic in their work and 19th and 20th. The boys are making etc., and the girls are doing needle work. An effort is being made to secure war relics etc. The young people are very enthusiastic in their work and large crowds are expected. Admission fee 15c and 25c.

were eating, however, but allowed them to finish and when they came out he accosted them and asked their names. They told who they were and gave their correct names, so they were brought in. The money was found upon them, Long having something like \$21 in dimes and Proffitt having something like \$20 in currency. With the presence of such a large amount of dimes, the officers were pretty sure they had the right men and the confession of Long showed them to be right.

"The law regarding such robbery in case of a conviction, is not less than 10 years at hard labor. The statute does not require that the place be broken into but the mere act of the taking in a building occupied by a bank, or entering for the felony.

"Long stated that he never wanted the thing to reach court but would compromise by paying the money back if possible."

## COMMITTEE AGREES UPON SUBSTITUTE

Hawkins, Harper, McCullough and Odum Held Meeting Yesterday.

Columbia, Feb. 8.—The special committee from the house consisting of Messrs. Hawkins, Harper, McCullough and Odum, has agreed upon a substitute compulsory education bill. The compromise measure that will have the support of the Harper-Hawkins advocates is acceptable to both sides. The committee conferred with Gov. Manning and Supt. Swearingen and the agreement has the approval and support of both these officers. The substitute will be presented on the house side tomorrow and will no doubt pass the house. The essential features of the substitute are:

The features of the Swearingen-Hawkins bill shall go into effect only when the school district by petition of majority of the qualified voters of the district ask for it. In case no such petition is filed an election shall be held upon compulsory attendance upon petition of a majority of the board of trustees of a district or upon petition of one-fourth of the qualified electors.

The exemptions are practically unchanged. Attendance is required for the full term fixed by the local board of trustees and attendance officers may be employed. If no officer be employed the duties are to be performed by trustees without compensation. The age limit for attendance is fixed at from eight to fourteen years.

The senate late tonight passed the Sinkler local option compulsory education bill to third reading. Debate on the prohibition referendum will begin when the senate re-convenes in the morning at 10:30 o'clock.

### REV. J. K. McCAIN DEAD.

For Many Years a Minister in the S. C. Methodist Conference. Superannuated Eight Years Ago.

Rev. J. K. McCain, for many years a member of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, died at his home in Gray Court Thursday morning at 5 o'clock after a long illness. He was buried in the cemetery of the Gray Court Methodist church Friday morning, the services being largely attended from the town and surrounding country.

Rev. McCain was born near McCormick, then in Abbeville county, in 1839. He entered the war as a member of Co. K, Fifteenth Regiment, Kershaw's Brigade where he made a gallant soldier of the Confederacy. At the Second Battle of Manassas he was severely wounded. For a few years following the war he was engaged in farming after which he entered the ministry as a member of the S. C. Conference. He served the following charges in the Conference: Richland circuit, 1872-73; Reidsville circuit 1874-77; Laurens circuit 1878-80; Jonesville circuit 1881-82; Providence circuit 1892-94; Branchville circuit 1895; North Mullins circuit 1896-99; North Laurens circuit 1900-03; Prosperity 1904-5; McCormick 1906; superannuated 1907-15.

Rev. McCain was twice married, his second wife having preceded him to the grave some time ago. He is survived by the following children: Sheriff John C. McCain, of Columbia; Mr. A. T. McCain, of Greenville; W. Harry and Miss Minnie McCain, of Gray Court and P. Rembert McCain, of Columbia. One brother, Mr. J. M. McCain, lives in Greenwood.

Rev. McCain was a man greatly beloved by those over whom he ministered and honored by all with whom he came in contact. His life was one of humble service and his death marks the passing of a good citizen. His departure will be greatly mourned wherever he was known.

### Nomination Sent to Senate.

According to dispatches from Washington President Wilson has sent the name of Mr. James M. Clardy to the Senate for confirmation as postmaster at this place. It will be remembered that he was recommended by Congressman Johnson several weeks ago. The term of Postmaster Hicks expires Sunday. It is supposed that the Senate will act upon the president's nomination before that time, in which case it is thought that Mr. Clardy will assume office Monday morning.

## EVERYBODY IS LOOKING TOWARD FRIDAY EVE

When the Greatest Performance Ever Put Upon the American Plank Will be Staged in Laurens.

In order to prevent the reserved seats agent from being shot to pieces in the mad rush for choice chairs, the fact that there is going to be a local talent play in Laurens next Friday night, Feb. 12th., has been kept as secret as possible. However, The Advertiser's special war correspondent got on the trail in the nick of time and "we have with us tonight" the following facts:

The production aforesaid goes by the name of "Bachelor Hall" and is guaranteed under the pure food and drugs act to be all wool and a yard wide. It's a comedy and will be funny. In fact it is frolicsome from end to beginning though there will be served a few soft and soubol selections to those desiring same. As a matter of fact it has been O. K. ed by some of the older natives as being one of the best and most enjoyable plays ever given in this township.

The play will be acted by local artists who have been hard at work for the past several weeks and they have well nigh perfected this particularly pleasing performance. It is being given for the benefit of the four orphanages in this state; a most worthy cause and one that all should take pleasure in helping.

The curtain will rise promptly at 8:15; and will fall after each act. The cost to each of those who will enjoy this play in a reserved seat will be fifty cents; babies to pay same as Methusaliahs. The admission fee for grown people back of the railing, up and down stairs, will be 35c and children 25c. Reserved seats will be put on sale at Powe Drug Company Wednesday afternoon and a scramble for good seats is inevitable.

The following will probably be arrested early Saturday morning as they are the ones taking part in this performance.

### The Cast.

The Hon. Geoffrey Myrtleton, Congressman from the 9th District  
John Fewell  
Silas Jervis, Rambletown Deacon  
Rice Nickels  
Elisha Bassett, Rambletown Deacon  
Alison Lee  
Ensign Jack Meredith; Acting under sealed orders  
Robt. Roper  
Pinkerton Case, an amateur detective  
W. E. Meng  
Jasper; the butler at Bachelor Hall  
Edward McCrady  
Vere Lee; an amateur actor and author of "The Fatal Shot"  
Ernest Macher  
O'Rourke; a policeman  
George Grist  
Mrs. Van Styne; who has dramatic aspirations  
Mrs. John Spratt  
Claire; her daughter who has not  
Miss Frances Davis  
Polly Reynolds, an amateur actress  
Miss Catherine Batchelder  
Betty; Myrtleton's ward  
Miss Annie Simpson

### PUBLIC MEETING SATURDAY.

Fertilizer and Economy Day to be Observed in the Court House.

In accord with the proclamation issued by Gov. Manning several days ago a "Fertilizer and Economy Day" will be observed in the Court House here Saturday. Farmers and townspeople are alike invited to attend, though the meeting will be of chief interest to farmers. The farmers' wives as well as the farmers are expected to attend.

Two addresses will be delivered in addition to short impromptu talks by anyone who may care to speak. These two addresses will be delivered by Hon. W. C. Iby, on "Fertilizers" and Rev. Sanders R. Guignard, rector of the Episcopal church, on "Economy."

Mr. John D. W. Watts, county demonstrator, who has issued the call for the meeting, will preside. He requests that as many as possible attend the meeting, which will begin at 11 o'clock.

### Enorce Store Entered.

The store of Mr. Dick Poole, at Enoree, was entered by thieves Monday night and a small amount of money taken from the cash drawer. Sheriff Owings was notified of the robbery yesterday and has his force on a keen look-out for the robber.

## CLINTON HAPPENINGS FOR THE PAST WEEK

Many Local Events Taking Place

ROOK PARTIES ARE POPULAR

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Copeland Celebrate Silver Anniversary of Married Life. Many Parties and Social Functions in the Lively City—Personal Mention of Those Going to and fro.

Clinton, Feb. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Guy I. Copeland celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage with a Silver Wedding on Friday night. The pretty country home was beautifully decorated for the occasion and beautiful silver gifts were on display. There were about 100 guests present to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Copeland.

On Saturday afternoon Miss Essie Young entertained the young ladies embroidery club and the teachers of the graded school.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. James R. Copeland entertained the Acton Rook club and about a dozen other friends.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. P. S. Bailey entertained a few friends in honor of Mrs. Reese Williams of Lancaster and Mrs. Harbin of Charleston. On Wednesday afternoon Misses Maude and Mabel Sumner were at home to a few friends at a "Rook" party.

Thursday afternoon Mrs. Robert Farr entertained a number of friends. The Christian Endeavor enjoyed a social meeting on Thursday night at the home of Mrs. J. Q. Phillips.

On Friday afternoon Mrs. J. W. Copeland, Jr., entertained at a "Rook" party.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harper entertained a few friends at an elaborate six course dinner on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Young entertained a number of friends at a dinner on Saturday.

Miss Ola Young entertained a few friends on Monday afternoon.

Mrs. J. T. Robertson is visiting her son in Clemson.

Miss Zee Wright left Saturday for Hamburg where she will spend a week with relatives.

Dr. W. P. Jacobs, Miss Mollie Manson and Mrs. W. J. Bailey left Friday for a month's trip in Florida.

Mrs. Bothwell is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. M. Kennedy in Spartanburg, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spratt spent the week-end with Mrs. W. G. Neville.

Mrs. R. Z. Wright and Miss Wright returned from Georgia on Saturday.

Mr. Carl Barksdale spent Sunday with friends in Chester.

Miss Inez McCraw is in Columbia for two weeks.

Mrs. W. M. McMillan spent last week with her daughter at Columbia college.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Adair are visiting friends in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jacobs have returned to their home in Atlanta, after a two weeks' visit to Mrs. W. J. Bailey.

Mrs. Jack H. Young has returned from a visit to friends in Laurens.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bailey of Kingston, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Bailey.

Miss Carrie McDougall of Statesville, N. C., is the guest of Miss Florence Sowers.

Mrs. Harbin of Charleston, is the guest of Mrs. Guy I. Copeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ad Young of Columbia, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. T. C. Sumner is visiting in Laurens.

### Death of Mrs. J. O. Teague.

The sad news was received in Laurens yesterday of the death of Mrs. J. O. Teague. At the time of her death she was living in Woodruff. Mrs. Teague has many relatives and hundreds of friends in Laurens and in the county who bared with sorrow of her death. They sympathize most deeply with the husband in his sad bereavement. Mrs. Teague was a native of this county and until a couple of years ago the family lived in Waterloo.