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A BLOODY CLIMAX IN CHARLESTON

Young Man Killed and Four Others Wounded.

MILITIA CALLED OUT TO RESTORE ORDER

When Executive Committee Met to Tabulate Votes of Primary Held Tuesday, Small Riot Results and Wild Disorder Prevails. Details Very Indefinite.

The last issue of The Advertiser carried an account of Gov. Manning's action in putting the militia in readiness at Charleston to quell any disorders that might have arisen as a result of the election. Whether or not the presence of the militia tended to preserve order is problematical, but during the meeting of the executive committee Friday following, when the militia was not present, trouble ensued resulting in the death of one man, Sidney Cohen, and the wounding of four others. The coroner's inquest was begun Monday and very little of definite details was brought out and yesterday was still in session. Sheriff Elmore Martin has taken out warrants for a number of men for carrying concealed weapons and the Charleston police have charged two men by the name of Brown and McDonald with responsibility for Cohen's death.

The account of the Friday tragedy, as taken from The Columbia State, is in part as follows:

Charleston, Oct. 15.—Charleston's turbulent municipal campaign resulting in the Democratic primaries last Tuesday being held while seven units of the State guard were held ready to assume police duties, reached its culminating violence today in a pistol battle in a room where the Democratic city executive committee was about to meet to canvass the returns. When the smoke of the fight had cleared from the room on the second floor of the three-story building at King and George streets, five men had been shot, and others were bruised.

Sidney J. Cohen, a reporter for the Charleston Evening Post, was shot through the right lung and died soon after. W. A. Turner, an insurance agent, also was shot in the lung and is in a serious condition, as is W. E. Wingate, superintendent of the city chain gang, who is suffering from a bullet wound in the head. H. L. Wilensky, a city meter inspector, was hit in the arm and Jeremiah O'Brien, inspector of weights and measures and a member of the executive committee, was shot in the ankle. All the wounded are expected to recover.

Six Men Arrested.

One of six men arrested, Max Goldman, a marine engineer, tonight is in a hospital suffering from a blow on the head, administered, it is said, by a policeman when Goldman tried to get out of the committee room. Others arrested are H. J. Brown, ice wagon driver and former policeman; Edward McDonald, stevedore and former policeman; J. J. Healy, former police sergeant; Conrad Stender, deputy sheriff, and J. J. Steenken, keeper of a cemetery. No charges were preferred against any of them.

Gov. Manning at Columbia, immediately upon being informed of the shooting, ordered the Washington light infantry, a Charleston company, to the scene. The company, with bayonets fixed, quickly cleared the streets outside the building where it was feared trouble would develop. Later the guardsmen aided the police and special deputies in patrolling the street and remained on duty late tonight.

Battalion in Readiness.

The entire first battalion, Second Regiment, N. G. S. C., located here, was ordered held at the armories ready for eventualities. Gov. Manning also ordered local dispensaries closed until further notice. There was only small groups of men on the streets tonight and there was no outward evidence that there might be more disorder.

The military is under command of Col. E. M. Blythe of Greenville, in the absence of Adj. Gen. Moore, who is attending the rifle matches at Jacksonville. Col. Blythe came here last night on instructions from Gov. Manning. Charleston has been prepared for

DEATH OF ISAAC M. OWINGS.

A Prominent Citizen of Owings Passed Away Last Saturday.

Mr. Isaac M. Owings, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Owings, died on Saturday, October 16th, and was buried Sunday evening at three o'clock at the Dials Methodist church, of which church he was a member since early in life. The burial services were conducted by his pastor Rev. Munnerlyn. The large crowd present at the burial attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mr. Owings was about sixty-eight years old and had been in bad health for some time before his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lottie Owings, and one daughter, Mrs. Hattie Willis, and five sons, S. Leander, John W. Wister R., Herbert M. and I. Leonard Owings, all of Owings, besides several grandchildren and other relatives. Mr. Owings was a quiet and unassuming man, liked by everybody and highly respected wherever he was known.

DENTAL SOCIETY MEETING.

Piedmont Association Will Hold Its Quarterly Meeting Here Next Monday.

The regularly quarterly meeting of Piedmont Dental Society will be held in Laurens next Monday beginning in the morning and lasting through the day. Several prominent members of the profession and of other professions will address the meeting on subjects directly connected with dentistry. The address of welcome will be made by Mr. R. A. Cooper and the response will be by Dr. J. P. Carlisle of Greenville. R. E. Hughes, M. D., is the only local gentleman who will be on the regular program of papers to be read. The subject of his paper will be "Tonsils, Adenoids, Their Relation to Dentistry."

The visiting dentists will be entertained at the Laurens Hotel as the guests of the local members of the society.

Trouble as the result of the primary. Last Monday night Gov. Manning ordered four companies of National Guard and three divisions of naval militia held ready at their armories to take over police duties if necessary. Tuesday, the primary day, passed quietly, however, and at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning the guardsmen were relieved.

Followers of Mayor John P. Grace, an aspirant for renomination, charged that Gov. Manning was trying to interfere with the primary thereby favoring the faction led by Tristram T. Hyde. This was denied.

Extra Policemen on Hand.

Bitterness engendered by a campaign in which personalities overshadowed real issues, the presence of the militia on primary day, and the closeness of the vote created such a threatening atmosphere that many extra policemen were detailed in and in front of the building where the meeting was to take place. The building was crowded and a good sized crowd in front was held in check by the officers.

Just as the meeting was to be called to order someone in a hallway adjoining the committee room started a fight. During the scuffling, shouting and jamming in the hallway some one in the committee room fired a shot and the real fight was on. Policemen in the hallways and committee room seemed powerless. Several pistols were brought into play and as the firing continued amid the scramble to escape, yelling and cries of the wounded, some one threw three ballot boxes out of the window.

Cohen's Death Wound.

Cohen was making for a window when struck. A pistol over which two men were fighting discharged and the bullet gave him his mortal wound. Whether any of the wounded were really participating in the melee was not known tonight.

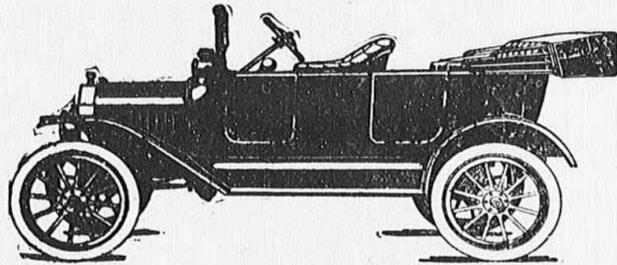
When the shooting was heard by the crowd outside the building trouble was threatened for a time. The extra force of police held the crowd in check and a hurry call was sent to Sheriff Martin and message was sent to Gov. Manning. The governor immediately ordered out the Washington Light Infantry and the members of the company were on the scene within a short time after the first shot. (Continued on Page Eight.)

JOIN THE AUTOMOBILE BRIGADE

A Few Weeks of Pleasant Work and Reward is Yours The Advertiser is Giving Away an Automobile to the Person Who Returns the Most Votes in its Great Contest. Solicit Subscriptions and Get the Car.

Who is going to get the automobile that The Advertiser will give away this fall? Who is going to have the industry and energy requisite to win that which many are longing for? Who has the grit and the nerve to go out and "brace" subscribers for their dues? Who is it that hasn't the ambition to own an automobile and where is he or she who is not willing to work to realize that ambition. These questions will be answered when The Advertiser's great automobile voting contest gets under way. The contestant who works hardest and persuades his or her friends to work hardest is going to prove himself or herself the one deserving to win. Turn over to another page and see the full particulars as to how the contest will be run and the requirements for entrance into the race.

Immediately after the official announcement of the great contest, interest was manifested in many sections of the county. This week, however, is expected to be the banner



week for contestants to enter and by next Wednesday the contest will be well under way and the manager expects to have the list of nominations largely augmented. The first list of contestants with their relative standing will be published on that day.

What else is being offered in addition to the Ford automobile? Three other valuable prizes. The second prize is a handsome \$100 talking machine with \$25 worth of records. The Advertiser did not wish to give a prize that could not be utilized without a further expenditure of money, so it added the records. These may be selected. The third prize is a \$50 gold watch, handsome, durable and up-to-date in every particular. It alone is worth the effort that a majority of the candidates will likely put forward. It is a 21 jewel Hamilton watch with a 25-year gold case. The fourth prize will be \$25 in gold, real U. S. money. The total money value of all the prizes is thus high on

to \$700, enough to warrant the labor of anyone. And, by the way, the successful contestant will necessarily have to hustle, because this big prize is expected to bring out adults as well as children.

Remember that the entire county is divided into two districts. District No. 1 comprises the city of Laurens. District No. 2 comprises all area outside the city of Laurens. The winner of the first prize may reside either in District No. 1 or No. 2. The winner of the second prize must be a resident of the opposite district from that in which the winner of the first prize lives. The winner of the fourth prize will therefore be a resident of the district with the winner of the first prize and the winner of the fourth prize must be a resident in the same district as the winner of the second prize. This division of the county into districts is to assure all an equal showing in the contest. Residents of District No. 1 may solicit subscriptions in No. 2, and No. 2 residents can so-

licit in No. 1 district. In other words, any contestant may solicit subscriptions anywhere he or she pleases.

Contestants are reminded again that renewals of old subscriptions and paying up of back dues count just as much as new subscriptions. As old subscriptions are often easier to secure than new ones, contestants would do well to devote their greatest energies to those who have been members of The Advertiser family before. And remember that persistence wins. If the subscriber doesn't happen to have the money on his person at the time you see him, ask him when he will have it and return at that time. He will be glad to "pay up" to help you win.

And remember further, that The Advertiser is a "Cash-in-Advance" paper and therefore subscriptions are supposed to be paid in advance. If the subscriber is behind, ask him to pay his arrears and also an advance payment.

GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY.

Fall Session of Court of Common Pleas Will Convene First Week in November.

The fall session of the Court of Common Pleas will convene on Monday, November first. Announcement has been made that this term will last for two weeks. The following is the list of jurors for the first week:

Dials—D. E. Todd, T. B. Henderson, S. R. Gray, M. P. Vaughn, J. B. Childress.

Antler—R. C. McLees, W. P. Smith, Jim Jacks, D. R. Crawford, A. B. Milam, S. J. Todd, D. B. Bobo, G. C. Pitts.

Waterloo—E. W. Freeman, R. E. Boyd, Troy F. F. Moore, J. C. McDanel.

Laurens—J. T. Crews, E. T. Lawson, W. C. Blakely, S. J. Davls. Youngs—Ludy N. Dial, J. M. Patton, Cullen C. Jones, Frank Bobo. Seuffletown—J. L. Chaney. Jacks—R. N. Malone, C. C. Spoon. Cross Hill—J. D. Beeks, L. D. Hanna, S. A. Browne, Jas. H. Hill. Sullivan—A. K. Hughes, W. M. Stone, C. F. Beeks, M. L. Traynham.

Brings in Cattle.

Mr. James F. Harney brought into the city last week a herd of seventy-five beef cattle that he has been pasturing up on Reedy River. They will be kept in the stables formerly used by Counts and Cowan, where they will be fed during the winter months.

LAURENS LEAD IN ATTENDANCE.

Large Percentage of Laurens County High School Teachers at Greenwood

Supt. J. H. Sullivan, Miss Wil Lou Gray, rural school supervisor, and a large number of high school teachers attended the high school conference in Greenwood Friday and Saturday. Teachers were present from Greenwood, Newberry, Abbeville and Laurens counties, Laurens being the banner county for attendance, more teachers being present than from any of the other three counties. Only two teachers were reported absent from this county. Speaking of the meeting Mr. Sullivan stated that it was a very pleasant and profitable one, a very delightful feature being the luncheon served Saturday by the Greenwood teachers. The following were present from this county:

Messrs B. L. Parkinson, P. D. Huff, A. C. Daniel, W. P. Culbertson, R. T. Wilson, R. F. Ulmer, W. T. Chiles; Misses Fannie Creighton, Belle Nickles, Lillian Kibler, Miss Goetchins, Lyl Culbertson, Clara Woods, Margaret Seawright, Rebecca Moore, Ruth Pinson, Elizabeth Tolbert.

Locates in Lynchburg, Va.

Mr. W. C. Irby, Jr., left several days ago for Lynchburg, Va., where he will make his headquarters in the future while selling a chemical preparation for preserving meats. Mr. Irby's friends regret very much to see him leave the city but wish him much success in his new field of endeavor.

GETTING READY FOR ENDEAVORS

Preparations Are Well Under Way for the Big State Meeting to be Held Here Next Month.

The meeting of the Christian Endeavors, in which representatives from every society in South Carolina will take a part, will be held in Laurens November 5th to 7th, and great preparations are being made to make the meeting a most successful one. It is expected that from two hundred to four hundred delegates will come to the meeting and the committee on homes is working daily to complete arrangements for their entertainment. While the meeting here will be held in the Presbyterian Church, the delegates are not all of that denomination. In fact the society is interdenominational and for that reason the committee is expecting to ask members of the other churches in Laurens to help in the entertainment of the visitors. While homes for most have been gotten there are a few still to be placed and the committee will visit other housekeepers this week.

The session this year will be a rather short one and the program is so arranged that little time will be left for social entertainments. In fact the president of the State society, Mr. Wyatt Taylor of Columbia, has made the program such a full one that the business sessions will be practically continuous, thus preventing the social events that the Laurens people would like to have for the visitors. To all of the meetings members of all churches are cordially invited to come. The prominent and entertaining speakers that are to be present give full assurance that each meeting will be most instructive and entertaining.

Among the prominent men who will be present for the meeting are: Karl Lehman, Southern Field Secretary of the Endeavors, Dr. J. O. Reavis, the well-known minister, Dr. K. G. Finley, the prominent Columbia pastor, Dr. T. W. Sloan of Greenville and many other leaders in church work.

The music for the meetings will be furnished by the combined choirs of the various Laurens churches. They have already begun practice and the musical program promises to be a delightful feature of the occasion.

FINE MEETING CLOSED.

Revival Services at the First Baptist Church Closed Last Thursday.

The revival services that were being held in the First Baptist church closed last Thursday night with an unusually fine sermon by Dr. J. L. White of Atlanta who has been assisting the pastor, Rev. M. L. Lawson in these services. These special services were held in the Baptist church for about ten days and were productive of a great amount of good to the town and country around. Dr. White handled his many subjects in a masterly way and his deep religious convictions and sincerity of manner won for him a warm place in the hearts of Laurens people. As a result of this meeting twenty-four new members were added to the church rolls by baptism and several others by letter and restoration.

A Deplorable Accident.

Little W. Lynt Wofford, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wofford, met with a distressing accident when on Wednesday night last his left eye was pierced by an arrow shot by his seven year old brother, destroying the sight. Lynt is now in the hospital at Greenville where he is getting on as well as could be expected. The family has the sympathy of all in this awful calamity that has come so early to their bright-eyed little boy.

"HER GREAT MATCH"

Popular Metro Picture With Gail Kane to be at the Opera House Friday.

Manager Switzer of the Opera House Picture Show, announces for this Friday the well-known Metro picture "Her Great Match" featuring Gail Kane, an actress who has starred most successfully in many pictures. The picture for this Friday is considered one of her most remarkable successes and wherever shown has proved a winner. The play, by the well-known author Clyde Fitch, is a strikingly interesting drama with five acts of touching sentiment and gripping situations. The first show will begin at 2 o'clock and each show will last one and one-half hours. The prices of admission are 5 and 10 cents.

COUNTY FAIR GREAT SUCCESS

Splendid Exhibits and a Representative Crowd.

PRONOUNCED BY SOME AS THE BEST YET

Exhibits in Some Departments Exceeded Those of Former Years while Other Departments, Possibly Lacking in Numbers, Exceeded in Quality.

Another mile stone has been passed by the Laurens County Fair association. This year's annual exhibition held in the Garlington meadow Friday was in many respects the superior to past exhibitions and nearly all other respects equal to those of other years. The crowd, though somewhat smaller than last year, was an enthusiastic and interested one and doubtless a great deal of good was derived from the exhibits by those who attended. The weather conditions early in the morning, when prospective attendants from a distance would naturally be getting ready to leave their homes, was not favorable and in some sections of the county a slight shower of rain fell. The threatening weather, it is thought, kept many people away. However, though the early hours were hazy and damp, the clouds soon gave way to the sunshine and a beautiful day was provided by the weather man.

The poultry department was unusually good this year. The number of birds was larger than previous shows and the grade was higher. Indeed, the judges had great difficulty in placing the honors where they belonged. Of particular interest in this department was a display of pure blooded pigeons by the Carolina Pigeon Plant, of Clinton. Their exhibit, beautifully arranged, was the center of an admiring crowd all during the day and many compliments were passed on the handsome birds. They took blue ribbons in every class entered, including Carneau's, Momolies and Maltese, besides taking the prize for the best display. The Campines of Mr. G. H. Spinks were greatly admired, while other displays were equally creditable.

The bench show, under the direction of Messrs Watson and O'Shields, had numerous exhibits and the dogs were surrounded during the entire day by hunters and all lovers of dumb animals.

In the cattle department, Messrs R. M. and O. S. Inn, of Cross Hill, received many compliments on their fine Polled Durham bull. Mr. Glen Fuller had a splendid display of Hossains and Mr. J. D. W. Watts of Aynshams. There were other splendid exhibits in this department. In the swine department Mr. T. G. Hughes, of Danan, Spartanburg county, had a fine display of the O. I. C. strain. The large boar weighing over 1,100 pounds attracted much attention as did the smaller sows weighing 300 and 400 pounds. Messrs. John H. Powers and H. D. Stewart also had creditable exhibits here. In the agricultural department Mr. J. Wash Watts and Mr. John H. Powers carried off the honors, both having fine exhibits. In the arena, the displays were not as numerous as in past years, but the quality was higher. The exhibits from Clinton in this department were particularly noteworthy, the Messrs. Copeland carrying off numerous ribbons.

The ladies department this year was a new feature. This was in charge of Mrs. R. E. Copeland and Mrs. W. H. Anderson. Their department was excellently handled and proved a very attractive part of the fair. It is hoped that this department will be made still larger next year.

In the school department Mr. Sullivan and Miss Gray had a very attractive booth and the Prospect school, the only school participating individually, had one of the most attractive exhibits on the grounds.

The Kings Daughters had a booth near the school department. Their booth was the resting place for many ladies during the day. Religious papers, magazines and tracts to the number of over 2,000 were distributed by them.

It is estimated that five thousand people visited the grounds during the day. Perfect order prevailed and the city police did faithful work in keeping traffic from being congested.