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CHAUTAUQUA WEEK IS GREAT SUCCESS

Entertainments so far Exceed Expectations.

JULIA CLAUSSEN FRIDAY EVENING

After the First Number Enthusiasm for the Chautauqua Ran High, so that it was freely predicted that Contract for Next Year would be quickly signed.

The Redpath Chautauqua, which began its seven day engagement here Friday afternoon has met with almost universal approbation from the very first number. Every number on the program has met with general satisfaction and even enthusiasm. Not only in the quality of the entertainments and lectures has the Chautauqua pleased, but also in the conduct of its staff and the affable manner of its talent upon the streets. Dr. Barbee, the superintendent, has made many friends in the city. Sunday morning he occupied the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church and preached an eloquent sermon to a large and appreciative congregation. The same afternoon he made a very interesting talk to the young men's Prayer Meeting at the Methodist church. Yesterday evening Mr. Allen D. Albert, the Tuesday evening lecturer, president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, made a stirring address before the business men of Laurens on city building. It will be seen, therefore, that the Chautauqua people have not confined themselves to the program contracted for, but have sought to make themselves useful as well as agreeable to the community.

The Chautauqua will come to a close Friday evening with the song recital by Mme Julia Claussen, prima donna of the Chicago Grand Opera Company. Mme Claussen will arrive Friday afternoon in a special car which will be parked in the local yards. It has been especially requested that the audience gather early in order that there may be no interruption of the program. The concert will start at 8 o'clock. Those who will have to buy tickets are requested to secure them early to avoid delay.

The following is the program for the remainder of the season:

Wednesday Morning
Morning Lecture
Admission 25c Children 15c

Wednesday Afternoon
Concert
White Hussars
Interpretative Reading,
"Seven Oaks" Everett Kemp
Admission 35c Children 15c

Wednesday Evening
Grand Concert
White Hussars
Admission 50c Children 25c

Thursday Afternoon
Children's Hour,
"The Hollow Tree Stories"
Lecture, "My Wild Bird Guests"
Ernest Harold Baynes
Admission 35c Children 15c

Thursday Evening
Bird Masque,
"Sanctuary and Pageant"
Admission 50c Children 25c

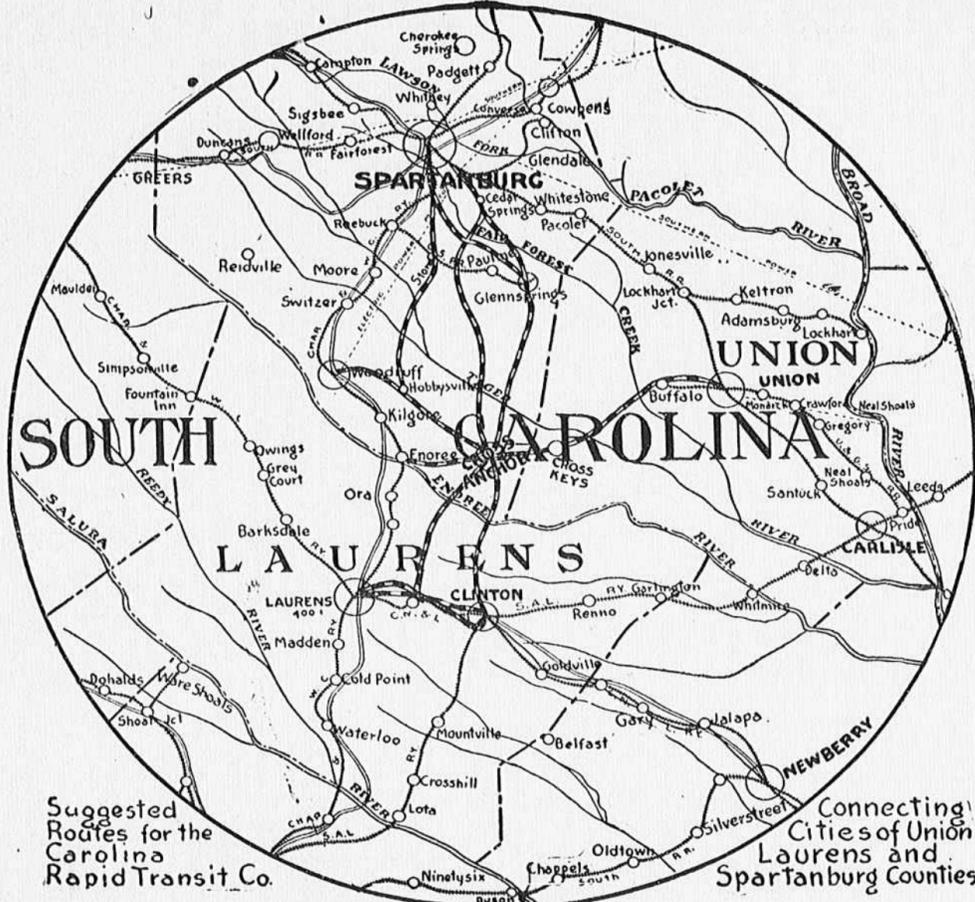
Friday Afternoon
Lecture, "The World We Live In"
Dr. E. T. Hagerman
Admission 35c Children 15c

Friday Evening
Song Recital
Julia Claussen, Prima Donna, Contralto, Chicago Grand Opera Co.
assisted by
Pierro Henrotte, Concert Meister, Chicago Grand Opera Co.
Marcel Charlier, Conductor, Chicago Grand Opera Co.
Admission \$1.00 Children 50c

Building New Home.
Mr. Tom Henderson has had material laid down for a cottage to be built on South Harper street adjoining the residence of his father. The building will be of modern construction and artistic design.

Masons to Meet Here.
About three or four hundred delegates will be here next Tuesday to attend the district meeting of Masons. An attractive program has been arranged for them and a pleasant meeting is anticipated. The meetings will be held in the lodge of the Laurens Masons.

ROUTE OF PROPOSED ELECTRIC RAILWAY TO SERVE CROSS ANCHOR TERRITORY



A proposition is under way among the business men of Spartanburg, Woodruff, Union, Clinton Laurens and Cross Anchor to connect these and intermediate points by an electric line

running as shown in above cut. A board of corporators was elected at a citizens' meeting at Cross Anchor April 18. This body met last Tuesday at which time a permanent organ-

ization of the board of corporators was perfected with J. F. Jacobs, of Clinton, permanent chairman and Paul V. Moore, of Spartanburg permanent secretary.

ONLY WANTED THE HIDE.

Plug Ferguson, a Clinton Negro, Stole a Cow but only Bothered Himself About Selling the Hide.
"Plug" Ferguson, a dark-hued denizen of Clinton, now rests behind the bars at the county jail on suspicion of spending a short season with somebody else's cow. According to reports, "Plug" made a raid on the premises of Mr. Bluford Henry, and Villa-like, came away with a rich haul, one milk cow. Unlike Villa, however, he had on hand more booty than he cared to burden himself with. Desiring to divest himself of a part of his holdings, he proceeded to slay the cow in the regularly approved style, viz., with an ax. This part of the procedure being over with, the decision had to be made as to what to take with him and what to leave behind. After long meditation, he decided to carry away that part of the bovine which he could most easily dispose of. Taking his sharp knife, he thereupon separated the hide from the cow, left the cow and departed with the hide. Nothing was left then, but to sell the hide, which he proceeded to do, but not without leaving a clue as to how he had come into possession of it. County officers were soon upon his trail, and as already stated, he is now behind the county bars awaiting trial.

Opens Paint Shop.

Mr. W. H. Whitlock has opened an up-to-date paint shop in the rear of the old Robinson Hotel, in the house formerly used by Mr. D. E. Barnett. The shop has been remodeled and made absolutely dust-proof. Mr. Whitlock will specialize in the painting of automobiles and buggies. He has had a number of years experience in this line having been for some time with the Gibbs Machinery Co., of Columbia.

Escaped Prisoner Caught.

Jim Watts, who escaped from the Greenwood county jail some time last year, was captured several days ago by Rural Policemen Boyd and Abrams, assisted by Deputy Sheriff Claude Owings. He has been turned over to the Greenwood county authorities. A reward had been offered for his capture.

Miss Will Lou Boyd returned home Monday after enjoying the Grand Opera season in Atlanta last week.

CANDIDATES COMING OUT FOR SENATE AND HOUSE

Friends of Dr. J. H. Miller Announce Him for Senate. Likely to be Interesting Race for Senate.

With the County Convention a thing of the past and the summer time swiftly approaching, interest in county politics becomes warmer and warmer. Candidates galore are already announced for sheriff and coroner, but for other so-called "court-house" offices the supply of candidates is rather limited. J. T. Peden is the latest to announce for sheriff.

Much interest right at this time is directed to the race for the Senate and House of Representatives. Senator O. P. Goodwin announced some time ago for re-election and Col. J. W. Wharton has formally announced his intention to oppose him. In this issue of The Advertiser will be the announcement of Dr. J. H. Miller made by some of his friends. Dr. Miller was non-committal to enquirers Monday on the question of running, so it is not known whether or not he will consent to entering the race. So far as could be learned, the announcement was made without his knowledge.

Candidates have been backward in announcing for the House of Representatives. S. H. Goggans has an-

Stobo Bailey Electrocutted.

Stobo Bailey, convicted of murder at the last term of the Court of General Sessions, was electrocuted under the sentence of the court at the state penitentiary Friday. It will be remembered that Stobo Bailey was charged with killing Sallie Barksdale, wife of a respectable negro in Youngs township as a result of ill-feeling growing out of business matters. On the witness stand Bailey stoutly denied any connection whatsoever with the case, claiming an alibi, but just preceding his electrocution he confessed his guilt to ministers.

nounced for re-election but Messrs Boyd and Harris have not yet thrown their hat in the ring, though it is understood that they will make the race. J. H. Just, of Cross Hill, is the only other candidate who has definitely announced for the House. Others are seriously considering entering the race and still others are being spoken of. Some of these are W. R. Richey, Jr., of this city, J. C. McDaniel, of Ekum, Perrin Watts, of Cross Hill, C. B. Owings, of Gray Court, Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, R. F. Jackson, of Lydia mill, Clinton, W. P. Harris of Owings.

S. C. DEMOCRATS ENDORSE WILSON

Little Factional Feeling Shown in the Meeting of County Conventions Saturday. Majority in Favor of Retaining County-to-County Campaign.

In every county in South Carolina the Democrats held a convention Monday, principally for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Democratic Convention, which will be held in Columbia on Wednesday, May 17. From the reports of the conventions received by The News and Courier it appears that a spirit of harmony characterized practically every meeting and in very few were there contests of any consequence. The outstanding feature was the endorsement of the administration of President Woodrow Wilson in every county, some of which instructed their delegates to support in the State Convention resolution for

a delegation to the National Convention instructed to vote for the renomination of President Wilson.

In many of the conventions the county-to-county campaign system was not mentioned, but where it was discussed, in the majority of cases the decision was in favor of retaining what has become known as the "biennial circus." The Florence Convention passed a resolution asking the State Convention to permit the people of the State to vote in the primary this summer on the question of abolishing or keeping the present system. In many counties the delegates seemed indifferent on this matter.

REMAINS OF W. B. WHARTON INTERRED AT WATERLOO

Native of this County, but for Many Years Superintendent of the Epworth Orphanage.

The remains of Rev. W. B. Wharton, who died Friday afternoon at Epworth Orphanage, Columbia, were laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery at his old home, Waterloo, Sunday afternoon, services being conducted by Rev. T. C. O'Dell, assisted by Rev. Walter I. Herbert. A large concourse of people from various parts of this and adjoining counties attended the funeral.

Rev. Mr. Wharton had been a vigorous man until his health began to fail about two years ago, but continued to labor among the orphans over whom he had charge until a few months ago, when his condition grew worse. He was taken to Baltimore for an operation, but was too weak to undergo it when he reached the Maryland city. He was brought home about three weeks ago.

Rev. Mr. Wharton was 57 years of age. He was a native of Laurens county. He was admitted into the South Carolina Methodist conference in 1892. For the past 15 years he was superintendent of Epworth orphanage and had built up an institution that was double its capacity when he took charge. He had gotten the institution on a firm financial footing by his capable management.

As a man and a citizen Mr. Wharton took an active interest in the welfare of his community, state and country. He was a fine man personally, and an able preacher.

The late Mr. Wharton was married in November, 1877, to Miss Mattie J. Puckett, who grew up in the same community where he was reared. He is survived by her and the following children: Rev. M. T. Wharton of Fountain Inn, Mrs. Charles McLoughlin of Atlanta, W. C. Wharton of Wofford college and Murray Wharton; also by the following brothers and sisters: J. B. Wharton of Greenwood, H. W. Wharton of Waterloo, Mrs. M. E. Puckett of Laurens county and Mrs. James Norman of Greenwood.

Revival at Watts.

The revival campaign which is on at Watts Mill, under the leadership of Rev. W. H. Lewis, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. C. Burnett, evangelist, of Wilcox, S. C., is under good headway, quite a number have been converted, and united with the church. The services will continue through this week, closing next Sunday night. The evangelist will preach to men only next Sunday at 3:30 P. M., and a large crowd is expected. The people of the town and country around will be given a welcome. Just for men and boys above fifteen years of age.

You will miss a treat if you miss these services.

SPECIAL FOR VETERANS.

Seaboard Railway Will Send "Waller Special" to the Confederate Reunion
The Seaboard Air Line railway is making special preparations for handling the travel to and from Birmingham for the Confederate Reunion, which will be held May 16-18. For the convenience of the Veterans, they have arranged to send a special train from this section of the state, which will be known as the "Waller Special". This special will leave Greenville at 7:30 on the morning of May 15th, and will go to Greenwood over the Interurban, arriving at Greenwood at 9:35 A. M. From Greenwood the special will go through to Birmingham on the Seaboard, leaving at 9:45 A. M. A special coach for Laurens veterans and others will be placed here and will go to Greenwood on the morning train. At that place it will be attached to the Seaboard Special, which will make an all-day trip straight through to Birmingham. The round-trip fare from Laurens will be \$7.25. Every possible arrangement is being made to make the trip one of immense pleasure, comfort and delight.

Will Sell Overlands.

Attention is directed to a series of ads for the Overland car beginning in this issue. Mr. Hart Richey will be the local agent for the car, representing the Clinton Auto & Repairing Company, county agents. Mr. Richey states that he will be glad to demonstrate the car to any one calling on him in person or by telephone.

COUNTY CONVENTION PASSED OFF QUIETLY

No Unpleasant Incidents Marred the Day.

PLEASE DELEGATES ARE ELECTED

W. R. Richey, Jr., Elected State Executive Committeeman, R. A. Cooper Heads Delegation to State Convention. Meeting Harmonious.

The meeting of the County Democratic Convention, held in the Court House Monday morning, was one of the quietest held in years. Although in the nominations and elections for state executive committeeman and delegates to the State Convention it was apparent that two factions had been loosely organized, very little factional feeling developed. The election of convention officers passed off as if it were routine work, each office being filled without opposition. The Convention went on record as endorsing the administration of President Woodrow Wilson and also as being opposed to abolishing the county-to-county campaign.

The Convention convened with R. E. Babb, retiring county chairman in the chair. Upon motion of W. Carl Wharton Mr. Babb was elected temporary chairman. W. S. Power was elected secretary and Allison Lee assistant secretary. A credentials committee, composed of one member appointed by the chair from each club, then retired to pass upon the credentials of the club delegation. The committee reporting favorably on all the credentials reported, it was moved by Mr. W. L. Gray and carried that the roll of delegates as reported to the credential committee be made the permanent roll of the convention.

Permanent organization then being in order, the temporary officers were elected without opposition. W. L. Gray and O. G. Thompson were elected vice present and treasurer respectively without opposition. R. E. Babb was elected chairman of the executive committee, which will be composed of the executive committeemen from each club.

Elections for representatives in the State Convention then being in order, W. R. Richey, Jr., was nominated by Geo. A. Browning, Jr., as County Executive Committeeman. H. L. Dunfee nominated N. B. Dial. W. R. Richey, Jr., was declared elected by a vote of 75 to 69.

As a delegation to the State Convention N. B. Dial placed the following names in nomination: R. A. Cooper, H. L. Senife, J. H. Miller, J. M. Capeland, M. E. Crisp, J. W. Lanford, J. H. Wharton and R. L. Gray. In regular succession suggestive of a pre-arranged ticket the following names were nominated singly: O. P. Goodwin, W. M. Abercrombie, W. R. Richey, Jr., Geo. A. Browning, B. E. Ferree, J. C. McDaniel, H. S. Blackwell and G. M. Moore. J. W. Wells, of Gray Court, and J. C. Workman, of Clinton, were also nominated, but received negligible support. R. A. Cooper headed the ticket and the following seven were elected to accompany him to Columbia: J. H. Miller, R. L. Gray, M. W. Abercrombie, W. R. Richey, Jr., J. C. McDaniel, H. S. Blackwell and G. M. Moore. It will be seen that three of the delegates elected were on the Dial ticket and five were from those named in opposition.

The delegation goes to Columbia instructed to oppose any change in the rules governing the county-to-county campaign, resolutions, as follows, having been introduced by W. R. Richey, Jr., and seconded by N. B. Dial:

"Whereas this Convention has been informed that there is a movement on foot to have the State Democratic Convention abolish the present method of county to county campaign meetings and to abolish the present method of township campaign for county officers.

"And whereas the sentiment of this convention is opposed to any such changes.

"Therefore be it resolved: That the Laurens County Democratic Convention do instruct its delegates to the State Convention to vote against any resolution which might be offered to change the present method (Continued on Page Four.)