

THE CANDIDATES OPEN AT CLINTON

No Untoward Events Marked Meeting.

S. J. NICHOLLS WAS NOT PRESENT

Candidates for Solicitor Outlined Their Views as to the Qualifications for the Office to Which They Aspire. Magill not Present.

The first boom in the congressional and solicitorial campaign was fired at Clinton Monday morning with Congressman S. J. Nicholls and Geo. T. Magill, candidate for Solicitor, absent. Both sent letters of regret at not being able to attend. Congressman Nicholls wrote a letter stating that official business connected with the Military Affairs Committee and the National Guard in camp at Columbia detained him in Washington. Mr. Magill stated that he was forced to be absent on account of a death in his wife's family. He joined the campaign party at the Clinton mill that night.

The meeting was presided over by Pres. Adair of the Clinton Democratic club. It was held in the moving picture theatre, which had been loaned for the purpose. D. B. Traxler, of Greenville, candidate for congress, was first introduced. Mr. Traxler's address was devoted principally to an attack on the present congressman and an exposition of his own ideas as to what a candidate should be morally. He said that Mr. Nicholls was elected by the people of this district to represent them in congress and that he was under obligation to come down and give an account of his stewardship. "It is an insult to your intelligence" he said, "for Congressman Nicholls to write 40,000 letters down to this district saying that he can't leave Washington on account of the boys down at Styx. He charged that Mr. Nicholls had nothing to do with the National Guard at Styx. Mr. Traxler offered to guarantee that Mr. Nicholls would be in the district before the campaign was over, in spite of the fact that he had said he couldn't come.

Mr. Traxler said that he had resigned the postmastership at Greenville, but was still postmaster. "If Sam Nicholls had the right influence and power in Washington, he would have put me out long ago," he said. He charged that Mr. Nicholls neglected his duty to the Democratic party by failing to vote on the bill imposing a tax on munitions, incomes and luxuries, when the success of the party largely hinged on its passage. He said that Mr. Nicholls was paired with a wealthy congressman from New Jersey.

Mr. Traxler referred to the famous "diatograph records" in which Mr. Nicholls figured prominently. He referred to the Portland Ned pardon case and the P. & N. charter case, insinuating that Mr. Nicholls had made questionable profits in both cases.

Holding up consecutively a deck of cards, a bottle of whiskey and a flashlight, symbolizing dissipation in its various forms, Mr. Traxler said that he was "against cards, drinking and the red-light districts", that he had fought these evils all of his life and that he stood for a clean life and a clean man.

A. H. Miller, of Greer, was next introduced as a candidate for congress. Mr. Miller began by announcing that if he is defeated this year he will be in the race again next time. He said he wanted to be elected because he felt that the things he stands for are essential to the welfare of the Fourth district. He said that sixty days ago Messrs Traxler and Nicholls were good friends, but that now Traxler was now trying to kick Nicholls out of congress.

Mr. Miller said that of all the South Carolina representatives in congress not one had done a lick of manual labor since they were 21. He said the people of this state need men in congress who know the needs of the working man and who can wage a successful fight against the great corporate wealth of the north. He explained the tendency of the young people to leave the farm as due to the faulty legislation which had not made

TOWNS IN ONTARIO DESTROYED BY FIRE

Serious Loss of Life Threatened. Bodies Reported Found After Sweep of Ruines.

Toronto, Ont., July 30.—Reports from Northern Ontario state that the towns of Cochrane, Matheson, Nushka station and Timmons have been wiped out by disastrous brush fire which started yesterday. Iroquois Junction and Iroquois Falls are reported burning. Serious loss of life is threatened, and it is believed that at least 100 persons have perished.

Fifty-seven bodies are reported found at Nushka station and 25 at Matheson. Many are injured.

All wires are down north of Englehart and only meagre reports have so far been received from refugees.

A relief train with doctors has left North Bay for the scene and Cobalt has sent coffins.

Cochrane, in Nipissing county, is the largest town burned. It had 17,500 inhabitants. The other towns named are in the same section in Nipissing or suburb counties within a radius of 25 miles or so. The population in each of these towns is composed of only a few hundred persons.

Takes Up Residence Here.

Mr. Allen R. Hawkins, who has been teaching school in Anderson county for several years, has moved to Laurens and will hereafter engage in the life insurance business here. Mr. Hawkins will represent the Southeastern Life Insurance Company, of Greenville. Mr. Hawkins was elected to the House of Representatives from Greenville county while still a student at Furman.

Was Not County Bridge.

Later details as to the unfortunate death of Miss Dallas at Ware Shoals during the high water, show that the bridge which collapsed was not a bridge in regular use. In fact, it did not span the river, but merely putted out from the bank for a short distance, having been left there by the contractors who built the dam. It was a temporary structure on the Greenwood side, and was never intended for any permanent use.

provision for attractive farm life. Young people will continue to leave the farm, he said, as long as the people "play politics" as they have in the past.

Mr. Nicholls, he said, had promised to secure 3 per cent money for the farmers last year, but that the best he could do was to vote for a rural credit bill making it possible for the well-to-do land-owner to borrow money at 6 per cent. What the country needs, he said, is cheap money for the poor man.

Pointing out that the producers of agricultural wealth received but 35 cents out of every dollar they produced, Mr. Miller said that he was in favor of congress appropriating a dollar for agricultural purposes for every dollar appropriated for preparedness.

Candidates for Solicitor.

Following the close of the congressional speeches, the candidates for solicitor spoke in alphabetical order. Mr. H. S. Blackwell, of Laurens, outlined his views as to the importance of the office, saying that it is one of the most important in the gift of the people. He then stated his qualifications to hold the office, stating that he had practiced at the Laurens bar for 10 years.

B. V. Chapman, of Newberry, gave similar reasons for aspiring to the office, stating that he had worked his way through college and had practiced law at Newberry for six years, during which time he was elected to the House of Representatives.

Mr. R. W. McCord also viewed the importance of the office in the same light as his opponents. He said he was proud of the success which he had won in his practice of three years at the Greenwood bar. He said that he thought it was Greenwood's time to furnish a solicitor as no one from that county had ever held a state or district office.

As already stated, Mr. Geo. T. Magill, of Greenwood, was absent from this meeting.

These candidates will speak at Ekom this morning at 10 o'clock, at Gray Court Thursday, Laurens Friday and Langston Saturday.

Old Field Church.

Old Field Presbyterian church at Ora changes time of meeting from the second Sunday to the first.

TILLMAN CHANGES AS YEARS GO BY

Now Thinks War of Secession Result Best. Now for Nationalism.

Washington, July 29.—"I never believed it possible that I could do it, but slowly and by degrees, I have come to think that it was best for all concerned that the South was defeated," said Senator Tillman of South Carolina today urging passage of a bill dealing with Arlington national cemetery.

"Slavery" he continued, "was a curse which had to be destroyed ere the South and the world could advance. It was a curse for which the South was no more responsible than the North. Both sections were responsible, and both paid four long, bloody years of penance for their joint sin. I had to go, and while it went in the worst possible way and its going gave birth to an apparently unsolvable problem, still I, who was born in and of the old South, am glad it is gone never to return. I am glad that the idea of nationality has supplanted that of confederation, despite the danger involved. And so, I can find it in my heart to want to make the amphitheatre at Arlington national in its scope."

TO DRILL WELLS.

City Decides to Change Supply of Water and Use Wells Instead of Creek.

Alderman J. J. Adams stated Monday morning to The Advertiser representative that the council had decided to change its source of water supply, using wells instead of the creek supply now being used. With this end in view a contract has been entered into with a Charleston concern to drill three more wells in the vicinity of the present old well which has been out of use for some time. According to the expectations of the council the three new wells with the old well will yield a daily supply of 400,000 gallons, enough to meet any emergency.

The present system will not be done away with, but it will be allowed to stand just as it is for any emergency. The council does not anticipate any emergency serious enough to require water from the old system, but is allowing it to remain as it does not entail any extra expense.

The total expense of the new system is expected to be between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

CLOVER CLUB GROWING.

Nearly 10,000 Pounds of Seed have Been Spoken for. Big List at Clinton.

Over a thousand pounds of crimson clover seed were spoken for during the past week by prospective members of the Crimson Clover Club. This amount brings the total spoken for at nearly 10,000 pounds or five tons. County Demonstrator Moore states that a large amount of seed have been spoken for at Clinton, somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 pounds, so the total for the county is already about a car load. The names of the Clinton club members will be printed as soon as the list is furnished. Others who have joined during the past week are as follows:

Total brought forward	8,050
Dr. B. F. Posey	120
J. C. Owings	200
W. H. Baldwin	40
J. D. Hunter	60
C. E. Bardette	20
J. C. Bardette	60
J. H. Wolf	60
Fleming Bros.	100
W. A. Franks	20
Mrs. T. E. Harris	100
W. N. Austin	50
H. A. Melzer	100
Jno. D. W. Watts	150
T. G. Traynham	180
Bob Gray	60
J. H. Hudgens	20
Total	9,100

Dr. W. H. Wright Accepts Position.

Inasmuch as Dr. Dantzer has decided to leave Laurens and return to his home at Elloree on account of his father's health, Dr. W. H. Wright who was formerly located at Greer has accepted the position at the Peoples' Drug Store which Dr. Dantzer will give up sometime soon.

ALLIES PROSPECTS BRIGHTER STILL

In Best Condition of War, Russians Aid Cause.

London, July 30.—The opening of the present week finds the prospects of the entente allies perhaps brighter than in any previous period of the war, according to the views held here, and the position of the central powers more discouraging. Gen. Brussloff's striking victories present the German general staff with the imperative problem of how to re-inforce the eastern front since von Linsingen who was sent by the Germans to aid the shattered Austrians, now has been completely thrust back from the Lutsk salient.

But the same problem is presented on the western front, where, says an unofficial correspondent, the ceaseless battle seems steadily to gain intensity. "Doubtless the constant arrival of fresh German troops and guns," he adds, "has everything to do with the result. The enemy shows an increasing tendency to counterattacks."

These counterattacks have failed to stem the steady entente allies' advance and although at present the fighting on the Somme is mainly devoted to obtaining mastery of small strategic positions, which will be the keys to further progress there is yet no sign of the Germans making any effective counteroffensive.

The Russians' remarkable victories reveal a most interesting situation. The army of the German general, Count von Bothmer, holding the Stripa near the Lemberg-Tarnopol railroad, was a few weeks ago being outflanked on the south by Gen. Letchitzky's successful advance when the Dniester floods prevented Letchitzky's further progress. This enabled von Bothmer to hold on to the threatened positions. Gen. Sakharoff then devoted himself to enveloping von Bothmer's force on the north, with what success is seen in his double victory west of Lutsk and at Brody.

Thus outflanked north and south, it is considered impossible that Count von Bothmer can longer delay extricating himself from his precarious position, even if he now can do so without serious losses. The Russians at Brody are at present nearer Lemberg than von Bothmer's forces, which are entrusted with Lemberg's defense, and although the country between Brody and Lemberg is very difficult it becomes a question whether the evacuation of both Kovel and Lemberg will not soon become necessary.

WOODROW WILSON FUND.

Only Two Dollars Subscribed to the Fund During the Week.

Only \$2.00 was subscribed to the Woodrow Wilson fund during the past week, this amount having been subscribed by Mr. W. P. Harris, of Owings. This brings the total up to \$10.50. Those desiring to subscribe to the fund should mail their subscription in and not wait to be personally solicited.

Mr. Martin L. Bullock Passes Away.

Mr. M. L. Bullock died Monday at the home of his son, W. W. Bullock, in Newberry. The deceased was 91 years of age and had been in bad health for a number of years. He was at one time Trial Justice of Laurens Township and for two terms between the years 1887 and 1891 he served this county as School Commissioner. The burial services were held yesterday afternoon at Cross Hill.

He is survived by his widow and seven children: Mrs. Preston Hill, Laurens; Mrs. W. H. Workman, Clinton; Mrs. Ella Johnson, Clinton; Mr. W. W. Bullock, Newberry; Mr. Thos. J. Bullock, Paris, Tex.; and Mr. M. L. Bullock, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.

Building and Loaners Happy.

Holders of First Series stock in the Standard Building and Loan association were made happy last week when Secretary McCuen began handing out checks for the matured stock to the amount of \$39,600. The series ran out on July 15th and payments to all stockholders have been made. Another series in the association runs out next summer. A new series will be started in the fall of this year. The office of the Standard is in the Peoples' Loan and Exchange Bank.

Rev. J. Deane Crane to Preach Here.

At the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening services will be conducted by the Rev. J. Deane Crane who is considered one of the most efficient and forceful of their preachers.

HUGHES GAINS FIGHT FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Keynote Speech Composed of Denunciation of Present Administration. Charges Weakness in World Politics.

New York, July 31.—Charles E. Hughes tonight outlined in his speech of acceptance of the Republican nomination the issues upon which he will conduct his campaign for the presidency. He assailed the administration for the course it has pursued with reference to Mexico, maintenance of American rights during the European war, preparedness, and other great questions of the day. He declared for a policy of "firmness and consistency" towards Mexico, for "the unflinching maintenance of all American rights on land and sea, and for adequate national defense; adequate protection on both our Western and Eastern coasts."

"We denounce all plots and conspiracies, in the interest of any foreign nation," Mr. Hughes said. "Pitifully intolerable is the use of our soil for alien intrigues. Every American must unreservedly condemn them and support every effort for their suppression."

The nominee assailed the administration for its "direction of diplomatic intercourse" from the beginning, declaring that where there should have been conspicuous strength and expertness there had been weakness and ineptness. He cited San Domingo as an instance where appointments had gone to "deserving Democrats" and to the failure to continue Ambassador Herrick at his post in Paris after the war had started as a "lamentable sacrifice of international repute."

For Woman Suffrage.

"I indorse the declaration in the platform in favor of woman suffrage," Mr. Hughes declared. And he added: "Opposition may delay, but in my judgment can not defeat this movement. . . . I favor the vote for women."

One-fourth of the speech was devoted to Mexico. Step after step taken by the administration with reference to Mexico was assailed from the days of Huerta to the note sent the de facto government by the state department June 20, last, part of which was quoted in the speech. The seizure of Vera Cruz, the nominee said, "was war, of course."

"Later we retired from Vera Cruz," he continued, "giving up this noble warfare. We are now informed that we did not go to Vera Cruz to force Huerta to salute the flag. We are told that we went there to show Mexico that we were in earnest in our demand that Huerta must go!"

America, Mr. Hughes continued, had no policy of aggression towards Mexico, no desire for any part of her territory, but wished her to have peace, stability and prosperity.

Will He Have To?

"The conduct of the administration has created difficulties we shall have to surmount," he said. "We demand from Mexico the protection of the lives and property of our citizens and the security of our border from depredations."

Safeguarding American rights abroad had not been accomplished, Mr. Hughes said, by the administration. There had been "brave words in a series of notes," but "what does it avail to use some of the strongest words known to diplomacy, if ambassadors can receive the impression that the words are not to be taken seriously?"

The nominee reiterated his declaration that had this government left no doubt that it meant to hold Germany to "strict accountability" here would have been no loss of life on the Lusitania.

Discussing preparedness Mr. Hughes said it was apparent that the United States was "shockingly unprepared." "The administration has failed to discharge its responsibilities," Mr. Hughes continued. "Apparently it now is seeking to meet political exigencies by its naval programme. But it has imposed on the country an incompetent naval administration. We demand adequate protection on both our Western and Eastern coasts. We demand thoroughness and efficiency in both arms of the service. It seems to be plain that our regular army is too small. We are too great a country to require of our citizens who are engaged in peaceful vocations the sort of military service to which they are

COUNTY CAMPAIGN OPENS MONDAY

Entries Increase as Election Approaches.

Another Entry CLERK OF COURT

Three More Entries for House of Representatives. B. H. Wharton Withdraws from the Race for Sheriff on Account of Duties as Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

The last week has brought several surprises in the political circles of the county. First came the withdrawal of B. H. Wharton from the race for Sheriff, then came the announcement of W. M. Nash and Jeremiah Stone for the House and all these were followed by the entry of Geo. T. Magill into the race for Clerk of Court.

Yesterday W. D. Byrd announced as a candidate for the House. Mr. Wharton, in making the announcement of his withdrawal, states that his time is so much taken up with his duties as Deputy Fire Insurance Commissioner that he does not feel that he could do himself or the state justice by remaining in the race longer. The time for filing pledges for entrance into the race closes Saturday. So far The Advertiser has carried the announcements of the following for the various offices:

Congress—A. H. Miller, S. J. Nicholls, D. B. Traxler.
Solicitor—H. S. Blackwell, G. T. Magill, T. F. McCord, B. V. Chapman.
State Senate—J. W. Wharton, O. P. Goodwin.
House—R. D. Boyd, W. R. Richey, Jr., W. W. Harris, D. L. Boozer, S. H. Goggans, J. H. Just, W. M. Nash, W. D. Byrd, Jeremiah Stone.
Treasurer—R. Jud Langston, J. E. McSwain, Ross D. Young.
Auditor—J. Waddy Thompson.
Clerk of Court—C. A. Power, C. E. Brooks.
Sheriff—J. T. Peden, W. H. Barksdale, A. R. Sullivan, D. W. M. Mason, S. C. Reid, J. W. Kellett, J. D. W. Watts, Geo. C. Hopkins.
Coroner—J. P. Ellledge, R. J. Franks, W. H. Whitlock, Z. R. Traynham.
County Commissioners—J. T. Todd, J. B. Hitt.
Magistrate—R. P. Traynham, J. N. Wright, W. C. Blakeley.

The campaign begins next Monday at Langston Church. The candidates have been requested to gather early, about 9 o'clock, so that a speaking program may be decided upon. The itinerary of the campaign party is as follows:

- August 7—Langston.
- August 8—Reno.
- August 8—Clinton Mill (night).
- August 9—Clinton.
- August 9—Lydia Mill (night).
- August 10—Hopewell.
- August 10—Goldville (night).
- August 11—Cross Hill.
- August 21—Laurens.
- August 21—Laurens Mill (night).
- August 22—Ekom.
- August 23—Tumbling Shoals.
- August 24—Diak.
- August 25—Wallace Lodge.
- August 25—Watts Mill (night).

Mishap to Dr. Teague's Car.

Yesterday at Badgett's fill, about a mile and a half south from the city, Dr. J. H. Teague's automobile ran off from an embankment and incurred considerable damage. His son, Calvin, and several other boys from around town had gone out to the culvert, below which is a pool, to go swimming. And while most of the boys were in the water, the car, which had been left on this side of the culvert, by some means or other ran over the embankment from where it had been left. It is thought, however, that some careless boy must have been in the car and tampering with the breaks, thereby causing it to leave its place.

Meeting of R. A. M.

The Royal Arch chapter of Masons held an enjoyable session Friday night when the R. A. Degree was conferred on two candidates, W. B. Ratchford, of Cross Hill, and C. S. Hipp, of Mountville. Refreshments were also served after the degree work.

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