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COUNTY CAMPAIGNERS HEARD HERE MONDAY

Attentive Audience Heard Them Expound Views

F. P. MCGOWAN WIELDED GAVEL

Candidates for All Offices from State Senate Down to That of Least Importance, Heard Throughout by Fairly Large Crowd. No Disorder.

A quiet and attentive audience heard the candidates for county offices expound their views in the county court house Monday morning from 10:30 a. m., until 4 p. m., excepting an intermission for dinner. Although the candidates were holding the boards for over four hours, they were heard to the last by a fairly large audience. F. P. McGowan, Esq., presided over the meeting in the absence of R. E. Babb, Esq., president of the local club, who was detained by other affairs.

The candidates for Treasurer, Auditor, Coroner, County Commissioner and Clerk of Court and Sheriff made practically the same addresses that they made at the Langston meeting, previously reported in this paper.

Senate.

Col. J. H. Wharton introduced his remarks by saying that he would not criticize his opponents or their records, as he conceded that they had always voted honestly. He expressed his approval of biennial sessions of the legislature, suggesting that there would be a saving of \$85,000 which could be applied to building good roads. He advocated more support for the rural schools. The blackest blot on South Carolina, he said, is the high degree of illiteracy. He paid an eloquent tribute to the Confederate soldiers and advocated more adequate pensions for them. He said he favored a loan fund being provided by the state from which worthy boys and girls could borrow money on which to secure an education.

Geo. A. Browning, Jr., said he was not the candidate of any clique or faction. He endorsed the state warehouse system, advocated a 6 per cent. rate of interest, flat 2c railroad rate, rural credits as a national measure, more pensions for old soldiers, and more support for the common schools though he denied any feeling toward the state colleges. He said the state colleges ought to be taught to expect less in the future. Mr. Browning spoke in favor of building a new jail. He said he would not vote a bond issue on the county for any purpose without allowing the people to first pass on it. Advocating the publication of the supervisor's reports, he said the people of the county had as much right to know about the county finances as the towns people do theirs or the stockholders in corporations do theirs. Mr. Browning said he was opposed to the creation of useless offices and raising of salaries during one's tenure in office. In this connection he criticized the state tax commission, the board of charities and corrections, the \$50,000 prohibition law enforcement fund and also voiced his opposition to the Laney-Odom insurance act.

Sen. O. P. Goodwin said he had carried out his pledge to give a clean administration and reduce taxes. He said he had not voted for any bill that would increase the state tax levy one iota and that he had held the county tax levy down. He secured the passage of the bill requiring the rural police to collect delinquent taxes at no cost to the county. He said he introduced the bill providing that the farmer should receive half his money back where fertilizer fell below the advertised analysis. He said he favored a more economical administration, opposed the state tax commission and board of charities and corrections. He advocated more pensions for old soldiers, saying that he had introduced a bill providing for a \$40,000 increase. He said he favored rural credits, 6 per cent. interest law, new road-working law, and 2c railroad fares. He said he favored better rural schools and opposed appropriating so much money for colleges at the expense of the rural schools. He said the county ought to build another jail, but he had opposed it on account

of the financial stringency caused by the war. He said Mr. Browning voted against it when he was in the legislature and Col. Wharton had never sought to correct the conditions spoken of, charged Col. Wharton with extravagance as a senator, saying that he had voted to build a new governor's mansion, to provide a new associate justice and had failed to answer roll call on the votes to table Gov. Bleasie's vetoes of certain appropriation bills.

House of Representatives.

S. W. Puckett said he would promise nobody to vote for lowering taxes at the expense of the state. He said that the taxes need to be spent more judiciously. He quoted figures that went to show that the tax rate in South Carolina was the lowest in the Union, and not nearly as high as the rate in cities where the best road and school facilities are provided. He said the indirect tax on roads, through the failure to build good ones, amounts to more than the direct tax being paid now. "Hasty legislation is costly," said Mr. Puckett, and referred to the Laney-Odom bill as an instance of it. He favors rural credits, a better understanding between labor and capital, and no exemptions from jury duty.

W. R. Richey, Jr., said he was the candidate of no clique or faction. Any report to the contrary, he said, is absolutely false. He said the main issue before the people is taxation and that the county is paying now \$15,000 more than it did for state purposes before factionalism. He said if the other counties of the state paid their proportionate share the total would amount to over \$700,000. Mr. Richey scored the creation of the tax commission, the board of charities and correction, the \$50,000 fund for the enforcement of the prohibition law, the \$2,000 fund appropriated for extra legal advice for the governor, and general extravagance on the part of the legislature. He said all were in favor of law and order. He advocated economy, good roads and better schools.

Jeremiah Stone said that he was in favor of good roads, good schools, lowering the rate of interest, revision of labor laws so as to make it a misdemeanor for an employer to hire a tenant under contract and similar measures along that line. He said he was doubtful as to the advisability of biennial sessions, but thought the present sessions might be shortened to advantage.

Mr. R. D. Boyd was the first speaker after the recess for dinner. He said he had worked and voted conscientiously in the Legislature and his record was open for inspection. He defended in vigorous terms the tax commission, saying it was intended to equalize taxes, the board of charities and correction, which was passed in the interest of the poor, the afflicted, the maimed and the down-trodden. He said he thanked God he had it in his heart to care for these classes of people. He justified the passage of the \$50,000 prohibition law enforcement appropriation, saying it was foolishness to pass a prohibition law and then not provide for its enforcement. He told of several bills he was instrumental in killing which were against the interest of the farmer.

D. R. Boozer devoted his time to the labor laws, saying that he was in favor of their revision, as the farmer was now at the mercy of the negro laborer.

L. S. Bolt said that the other candidates were circulating a story on him to the effect that he was the ugliest man in the race, except one. He didn't say who the other man was. He declared that he is a constructionist rather than a destructionist and would do nothing to injure the state. He promised to kill all the "fool" bills brought up.

W. D. Boyd promised faithful performance of duty if elected. He said he did not favor bond issues for roads, but thought that a small additional tax levy was advisable. He spoke in the interest of better schools and more appropriations for them. He said the contract law must be remedied in Washington, but he would work to give relief in some way. He said the white man is to blame for present labor conditions.

S. H. Goggans explained the increase in the county tax levy by reason of the debt brought over from previous administrations. He said the additional tax had to be levied or the county debt not paid. He said he had voted to kill many useless bills. He advocated elec-

J. W. WATTS PREACHED SUNDAY.

Gave Very Forceful Sermon and Held Attention Well.

As it is known, the First Baptist church has been pastorless for most of the summer and the pulpit has been filled from time to time by different preachers. This past Sunday J. W. Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. W. Watts, preached to a large and appreciative number from all the congregations. This was his first sermon in the city and gave forth a very favorable impression. The subject was appropriate, the development was excellent, his style pleasing and his choice of words was very good indeed. Mr. Watts was a member of the graduating class of Furman University in 1915 and he intends to enter the Baptist Seminary this coming session, and there is now many indications that he will become one of the foremost of the Baptist Ministry.

It was announced on Sunday morning that on next Sunday morning and evening the services will be conducted by the Rev. G. L. Knight who has recently come to this city to reside. And on the first Sunday in September, the Rev. Samuel L. Templeton, from Richmond, Va., will preach his first regular sermon here, as he has accepted this call.

Suffers Second Loss by Fire.

Mr. S. B. Fouché, car inspector in the railroad yards, suffered the second loss by fire within a few short years when the dwelling he was occupying was completely destroyed last Wednesday evening. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it gained such rapid headway after its discovery that the house was consumed by the flames in spite of valiant work of the firemen. A few articles of furniture were saved, but most of the furniture and household effects were also a complete loss. The adjoining house, occupied by Mr. F. J. Rickman, was barely saved from the flames by hard work of the firemen.

The house was owned by Miss Janet Macfarlane and carried, so it is understood, about \$1,500 insurance. Mr. Fouché had about \$500 insurance. He has moved his family into one of the Dial houses in the northeast section of the city.

Those who witnessed the fire returned to the city praising very highly the work of the firemen in saving adjoining property. The house was located so far from the water mains that it was not possible to throw a large stream on it, but the men made good use of the chemical apparatus and the small hose. The personal work of Chief Crews was especially commented upon.

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Wilson W. Harris said he is offering for re-election on his record and his fitness for public service. He spoke of taxation and said that instead of the last legislature being one of the most extravagant, it was one of the most economical, as evidenced by the lowering of the tax levy from 7 mills to 6 1-2 mills. As a member of the Ways and Means committee, he said, he had been instrumental in reducing the state appropriation by \$661,000. He said he had used his best efforts toward the advancement of agriculture and education, had voted against the Laney-Odom insurance bill and defended the appropriation for the Board of Charities and Corrections, saying that if it never turned a cent into the state treasury its existence is justified by the work it is doing for the unfortunate people of the state.

J. H. Iusti scored the Tax Commission, the \$50,000 fund for enforcement of the prohibition law, \$3,000 increase in asylum superintendent's salary, the holding of two offices by the same person and advocated better schools, better roads, rural credits, biennial sessions, pensions for old soldiers, lower rate of interest, 2c railroad fares and a new jail. He opposed reckless appropriations for Clemson college and free scholarships.

Mr. W. M. Nash gave a talk on co-operation among farmers and conservative legislation in their interest. He favors economy, better schools, better roads, etc. He promised a faithful discharge of his duties.

Mr. Nash was the last speaker.

The candidates spoke at Laurens all Monday night and at Okem yesterday, at both places receiving a courteous and respectful hearing.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People All Over the County and to Those Who have left the Family Hearth-Stone and Gone to Other States.

Mountville, Aug. 21.—Misses Rosa Gray and Dorris Young, of Laurens, are visiting Miss Sara Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Nelson, of Charleston, are spending their vacation here with their brother, Mr. J. C. Nelson.

Mr. John D. Yarbrough, of Clinton, is visiting Mr. Walter Lynch this week. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Motes went to Laurens last Friday on business.

Mr. Luther Johnson, of Reno, is visiting Mr. Bruce Workman for a few days.

Mr. P. H. Fellers, of Columbia, is here on a visit to friends and relatives.

Mrs. G. B. Logan, of Spartanburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. Hipp this week.

Mrs. J. A. Brown and children, of Johnston, recently paid Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Dunlap a few days visit.

Miss Evelyn Fraser, of Hartsville, spent last week here on business.

Miss Kittle Lee Wharton, of Cross Hill, recently spent several days with Miss Janie Boyd Hudgens.

Miss Emma Hipp, of Clinton, is here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hipp.

Mr. T. F. Hardigree, of Winder, Ga., is here on a visit to Mr. J. C. Watts.

Mr. Richard Dunlap is expected home within a few days from Clemson where he has been taking a cotton grading course.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Shaw and children, of the Laurens vicinity, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mitchell last Sunday.

Miss Iona Workman, of Cross Hill, spent several days recently with her sister, Mrs. M. F. Workman.

Attorney A. P. Mitchell will leave Thursday for Penrose, N. C., where he expects to spend some time.

Miss Olive Fuller left yesterday for Abbeville and points in Georgia, where she will visit her sisters, Mesdames George Flynn and Arthur Crisp.

Miss Ruth Guess, of Denmark, is in the town for a while as the guest of Miss Ruth Stokes.

It is reported that there are so many pretty girls here that the boys have to call before breakfast in order to see them all.

GRAY COURT NEWS.

Mr. Mason Cole and sister, Miss Dollie Mae, have returned from Port Mott, where they went to visit their brother, Mr. Rufus Cole.

Mr. R. K. Reeder has gone to Newberry to see his brother-in-law, Mr. Ben Abrams.

Mrs. A. A. Workman, Misses Sophia and Myrtle Smith, spent the day with Mrs. Wallace Davis, Sunday.

Mr. Jim Wells and daughter, Miss Thelma, are visiting at Mr. Quince Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Watts and children spent the day with Mr. L. E. Reeder Sunday.

Miss Lucile Watts and her brother, Boyd, will stay over a while visiting Miss Ruth Goddard.

The young people of this section are looking forward to the ice cream supper and tacky party at Miss Ruth Goddard's tomorrow night.

Little Lawrence Owens, who has been quite sick with typhoid fever, is getting better, we are glad to say.

Miss Mary Black and little sister, Lizzie, are spending a while at Mr. R. K. Reeder's.

Miss Lidle Smith spent the day with Miss Ruth Goddard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierce Coats are spending a while with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Coats.

Everybody is quite busy pulling fodder this pretty weather.

Messrs. John Armstrong and Roy Wallace spent several days of last week in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Curry, of Dials, were the week-end guests of Mr. J. C. Hollans and family.

A large number of our people attended the Friendship picnic. Mr. James W. Cheston is very sick at this writing.

LANFORD NEWS.

Miss Genette Martin is the guest of Miss Robin Patterson this week.

Mrs. Louis Anderson and children, Mrs. McSwain and Mrs. Dr. Vincent and children, spent the week-end at W. H. Drummonds.

Miss Mollie Moore is visiting in McCormick, the guest of Mrs. Earl Thomas.

Misses Sarah and Louise Wolf have returned from a visit to Shiloh.

Mrs. Carrie Cunningham is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Patterson.

Mr. Ed Cunningham and family are visiting at W. D. Pattersons.

Mr. Bob and Geo. Cunningham, Mrs. Goodwin and Mr. Fair Goodwin, were guests at W. D. Patterson's Sunday.

Rev. E. A. Fuller preached here Sunday afternoon, baptizing ten candidates.

Mr. Eugene Cox left Monday for Georgia, where he will engage in the school work for another season.

Mr. Jimmie Patterson has a cucumber vine from which he has gathered 215 cucumbers, the vine measuring 16 feet each way from the root of the vine.

Mr. O. L. Lanford was in Laurens Monday on business.

Mr. Charlton Patterson has returned from the west where he has been for the past several months.

Mr. W. H. Drummond left last Wednesday for Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment. He has been in bad health for some time.

Mr. W. D. Patterson is suffering with a sore throat which is very painful.

Excursion to Augusta.

The C. & W. C. railroad has announced the last excursion of the season to Augusta from Spartanburg and intermediate points to be run on Wednesday, August 30th. The special train will pass Laurens at 7:38 a. m., and the return trip fare will be \$1.50.

Visited Home Folks.

Mr. Roy Powers, of Monroe, Ga., accompanied by his father-in-law, Mr. Jim Thompson, and his sister-in-law, Miss Annie Kate Thompson, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Powers, near Madden Saturday. Miss Ora Powers, who has been visiting them, came home with them after a very pleasant visit.

To Preach Sunday.

Rev. Graves L. Knight, who has recently moved to the city from Graniteville, will occupy the pulpit at the First Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Knight and his family have a wide connection in this city and county and the announcement that he will preach Sunday will be of unusual interest to a large number of those who know him.

Pension Notice.

Delegates, one each from the several Townships are reminded that the law requires that they meet at the Court House on the 1st Monday in September for the purpose of a re-organization of the Pension Board and the election of Pension Commissioner, whose duties begin Jan. 1, 1917, for the ensuing year.

J. P. Caldwell,
Aug. 22, 1916. Pension Commissioner.

Mrs. Margaret Sullivan Ill.

The many friends of Mrs. Margaret Sullivan will be grieved to know that she is very ill at her country home, Charlton Hall.

All Day Singing at Landford.

On next Sunday, August 27th, there will be held at Landford's Station an all day singing. All singers are urged to be present with their song books. Bring your baskets well filled as there will be picnic dinner there on the grounds.

New Bale of Cotton.

Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, reports a bale of cotton picked, ginned and sold. He received 14 cents for it on the Goldville market. Mr. Browning is the first to report a bale, according to The Advertiser records.

Singing Convention.

Delegates who intend attending the Singing Convention at Watts Mills are requested to notify Rev. J. A. Brock if they desire entertainment.

INDICATIONS POINT TO INDEFINITE STAY

Interesting Letter as to South Carolina Troops

WRIGHT COMMANDS THE CAROLINIANS

Uncle Sam Looking Carefully After the Health of the Boys. New Clothing and New Shoes Being Provided. Regiments Have Their Own Soft Drink Stands.

In Camp With the South Carolina Regiments in the El Paso Patrol District, Aug. 16.—The Second regiment was informed on Tuesday through a telegram from Gov. Manning to Col. Springs that Capt. William M. Carter of Columbia, had been commissioned as captain of the Governor's Guards of the Second and would report on the border within a few days. The company has been commanded for the past several weeks by First Lieut. Tom Marshall who has brought it to a state of high efficiency. The announcement of the appointment of Capt. Carter was made to the officers of the Second by Col. Springs at their meeting on Tuesday morning.

The South Carolina regiments are encamped over 4,000 feet above the sea level and several hundred feet higher than El Paso. The sun, while running the thermometer up sometimes, does not seem extra warm because of the dry climate and the lack of humidity. The nights become cool and the soldiers have been sleeping under blankets.

Monday night a strong wind blew throughout the night and the powdery sand which covers the camp site several inches in thickness was blown over everything. The sides of the tents had to be pulled down but even that did not stop the sand from seeping under and blowing over clothes and all matter in the tents. The one redeeming feature of all these sand-storms is that the sand is not of the "sticky" kind, due to the dryness of the atmosphere. It can easily be brushed off and the Pennsylvanians say that the South Carolinians will soon get used to the sand storms and not mind it the least. They state that was their experience.

The First Papers.

The first South Carolina papers were received in camp on Tuesday afternoon and they proved a treat for the boys. There was a general reading were passed around from one tent to another. The mail for both regiments is being handled for the present by Chaplain R. C. Jeter of the First. It is obtained from the Fort Bliss office and brought into camp in the morning about 11 o'clock. A big batch of letters were received by the men from their homes on Tuesday and that afternoon made the hearts of all the soldiers glad.

Lieut. Col. P. K. McCully of the First "baggod" a horned toad this morning and shipped it to his home folks in Anderson. Capt. Hayward of the Pelzer company has also sent one of these home for a pet. They are plentiful about the camp.

South Carolina Brigade.

The two regiments of infantry from South Carolina and the one regiment of infantry from Florida have been formed into one brigade, to be known as the South Carolina brigade of infantry, and will be commanded by Col. W. K. Wright of the Twenty-third United States infantry. Brigades headquarters is now being erected just to the front of the centre of the First South Carolina, as the Second South Carolina is encamped above the First and the Florida regiments will go into camp below the First South Carolina. The Florida regiment is expected to reach the camp site by the end of the week, when the other 25,000 militiamen will come in to camp in and about El Paso.

The men will all be issued new shoes. The feet of all the first were examined on Tuesday and those of the Second the next day. The idea is to get just the size of shoe each man should have and that one which will be the most comfortable and serviceable. Uncle Sam does not overlook the slightest detail when it comes to his fighting men.

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