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The Advertiser is very proud of the service it is able to give each election year. This service, of course is made possible by the co-operation of the friends of The Advertiser, which is greatly appreciated. This year, as in the past, we expect to render similar if not better service and we are counting on our good friends all over the county sending in returns as soon as they are counted.

### R. A. COOPER.

Not a full week remains before the first primary will be held to nominate candidates for the various state and county offices in South Carolina. This year, as in 1914, Laurens county is peculiarly interested in the state campaign because one of her favorite sons is a candidate for the office of greatest honor being voted for, that of Governor of the State. That he is a strong factor in the race is generally admitted and that his chance of election are very bright is claimed by his headquarters and close advisers. Whether or not his strength has been overestimated will be disclosed by the election. Our own observations lead us to believe that he will be in the second race, and that he will be elected on the second ballot. However, we cannot allow our own wishes to bias our judgment so as to exclude the possibility of his defeat. The race, no doubt, will be a very close one between the present governor, Mr. Manning, the ex-governor, Mr. Blease, and our home candidate, Mr. Cooper. Messrs. DeShamps and Duncan, from all accounts, may safely be left out of consideration.

Mr. Cooper's campaign has been characterized by that chastity of expression and method which has marked his private and public life. Taking the position that the people were already sufficiently informed as to the ability and record of his opponents, he has confined himself almost without exception to the exposition of his own views and has left them to conduct their campaigns as they saw fit. He has departed from this plan of procedure only when they have forced him to take the defensive. On these exceptional occasions he has conducted himself in such a manner that those who were not supporting him were forced to acknowledge his genuine worth. These incidents will not be referred to here, as they are already matters of public record. Mr. Cooper's conduct in the campaign entitles him to the respect and esteem of every citizen of the State. He has set a standard after which future candidates may well pattern their campaigns.

The Advertiser has not had a great deal to say about Mr. Cooper's candidacy during the campaign. We have felt that the people of this county were familiar enough with him and with his record as to make anything that we might say seem superfluous. Yet, as the last days of the campaign approach, we cannot refrain from saying that his spotless character and manly bearing under the trying ordeal of a state campaign entitles him to the undivided support of his home people. What they will not ask themselves is "Is it reasonable to suppose that any other candidate would make a better governor than he?" If not, then the promptings of county pride and the fellow feeling which we have for our neighbor ought to influence us in giving him our support. If our candidate is found wanting in those qualifications which ought to fit him for the office to which he aspires, then we should look elsewhere to place our support.

Personally I voted for Manning two years ago in the second primary but I intend to stick to you in the first primary this year, as I did two years ago and I am confident that I will have the pleasure of voting for you in the second this time because you are gaining every day and I am confident that you will lead Mr. Manning in Dillon county by a goodly majority. With every good wish for your success, I am, Very truly yours, (Signed) W. J. Strickland.

(Continued from first page.) comes to the comfort and health of his soldiers and everything is gone into systematically and thoroughly. Floor tents for the officers of the First were started on Tuesday. This will serve to keep out a good deal of the sand during the daily storms here and be comfortable in every way. It is noticeable that the tents of the regulars, who have been stationed in this district for some time, are in a great many instances screened besides having wooden floors and sides. All indications point to an indefinite stay of the National Guardsmen on the border. W. E. Caldwell.

### LAURENS PEOPLE WATCH GUBERNATORIAL RACE.

#### Much Interest Being Taken on Account of the Candidacy of Hon. R. A. Cooper.

More than the average amount of interest is being taken in this county in the gubernatorial race because of the candidacy of Hon. R. A. Cooper, of this city. Throughout the campaign has been followed very closely and his home people are anxiously awaiting the outcome of the first primary. Mr. Cooper's headquarters here, presided over by his law partner, Mr. R. E. Babb, has been very busy sending out literature and keeping abreast of the heavy correspondence incident to such a campaign. The Cooper headquarters are confident that Mr. Cooper will get into the second and ultimately will be elected. As an indication of the swift pace he is setting the other candidates, Mr. Babb furnished The Advertiser with the following letter, which he said ought to be of much local interest as throwing light on the candidacy of Mr. Cooper:

Dillon, S. C., Aug. 19, 1916. Hon. R. A. Cooper, Laurens, S. C.

My Dear Sir: The reports coming in from the Piedmont of your increasing strength is very encouraging and I want to say a few words for the Pee Dee section. There are many men in this section that were Manning men two weeks ago and are now supporting you. Some of them are going to vote for you because of the fairness with which you propose to administer the decrees of the law's strong arm—to the rich and poor alike. Some are going to vote for you as an endorsement of your efforts to conduct an educational campaign that will better the condition of the common people and others are supporting you because they realize that to put Mr. Manning in the second race with Mr. Blease will be juggling with the future of the State.

The following editorial taken from the Bennettsville Pee Dee Advocate expresses the sentiment of a vast majority of the Manning men in this section: "As we see the situation most of the votes for governor are going to be cast for Manning, Cooper and Blease. DesChamps and Duncan are not seriously considered in the race. From information which we have received from various parts of the State, a number of people who have heretofore voted for Blease are going to vote for Cooper this year; and a number who have voted for Manning will also vote for Cooper. If Cooper gets into the second primary with Manning, most of the Blease vote will go to Cooper, and Cooper will be easily elected. If Cooper gets into the second race with Blease, most of the Manning vote will go to Cooper, and he will win in a walk. If Manning and Blease are in the second primary a large part of the Cooper vote will divide along the line of original cleavage, and the race will be much closer than it would be between Cooper and one of the other candidates. It is probable, however, that the larger part of the Cooper vote would go to Manning, giving him the advantage. Most of the Bleasites would take Cooper as a compromise in preference to Manning, and most of the Mannings would accept Cooper as a compromise in preference to Blease. This would insure Cooper's election if he gets into the second race with either of his opponents."

Walls this editorial appeared under the caption "Cooper as a Compromise." I believe that to say "Why Juggle with the Future of South Carolina—Vote for Cooper" would have been more appropriate. Personally I voted for Manning two years ago in the second primary but I intend to stick to you in the first primary this year, as I did two years ago and I am confident that I will have the pleasure of voting for you in the second this time because you are gaining every day and I am confident that you will lead Mr. Manning in Dillon county by a goodly majority. With every good wish for your success, I am, Very truly yours, (Signed) W. J. Strickland.

### Homes for Delegates to W. M. U. to Meet at Friendship Church August 29-30.

- Beaverdam, Mrs. Matt Henderson.
  - Belview, Mrs. A. W. Bobo.
  - Bethabara, Mrs. E. M. Lomas.
  - Bethany, Mrs. Mark Henderson.
  - Beulah, Mrs. Tom Owings.
  - Calvary, Mrs. W. T. Owings.
  - Chestnut Ridge, Mrs. S. M. Martin.
  - Clinton, Mrs. A. S. Riddle.
  - Cross Hill, Mrs. A. J. Martin.
  - Durbin, Mrs. Matt Henderson.
  - Goldville, Mrs. J. P. Kellett.
  - Gray Court, Mrs. S. E. Gentry.
  - Harmony, Mrs. W. F. Grumbles.
  - Henderson, Mrs. J. C. Cheek.
  - Highland Home, Mrs. S. E. Gentry.
  - Holly Grove, Mrs. L. M. Dial.
  - Landford, Mrs. O. F. Cox.
  - Langston, Mrs. Tom Bramlett.
  - 1st. Laurens, Mrs. W. E. Bobo.
  - 2nd. Laurens, Mrs. E. L. Riddle.
  - Lucas Ave., Mrs. J. P. Kellett.
  - Lydia, Mrs. Harris Riddle.
  - Mt. Gallagher, Mrs. W. R. Henderson.
  - Mt. Olive, Mrs. Tom Bramlett.
  - Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. E. D. Lomas.
  - Mountville, Mrs. Luther Cook.
  - New Prospect, Mrs. W. F. Grumbles.
  - Princeton, Mrs. A. J. Martin.
  - Rabun Creek, Mrs. W. R. Henderson.
  - Union, Mrs. C. R. Bobo.
  - Warrior, Mrs. E. M. Riddle.
  - Waterloo, Mrs. W. R. Henderson.
  - Visitors, Mrs. C. R. Bobo.
- If anyone has to be met at train, please notify your hostess.
- Mrs. A. W. Bobo, Secretary and Treasurer.

### SPECIAL NOTICES.

Wanted. A second-hand wood stove in good fix and cheap, also a sewing machine. J. Wade Anderson.

Money to Lend—Long-term loans negotiated on improved farms at 7 per cent annual interest, and reasonable expense. Borrowers will do well to apply early. C. D. Barksdale, 4-8t.

Special Announcement—Window washing, rugs, general cleaning. Having recently given up other work, I am at the service of the public. Parse Poole, 4-1t.

Teachers Wanted—(1) Men for town and country schools, \$60 to \$75. (2) Ladies combining music and common school, unprecedented demand. (3) Graded and high school. Can place all qualified teachers for any of the above. Write today, Southern Teachers' Agency, Columbia, S. C. 3-4t-pd.

Pls For Sale—Cross between Duroc and Berkshire. Seed wheat at \$2.00. Also few bushels Fulcrum Oats, \$1.25. T. M. Shaw, Laurens, Route 4, 3-5t-pd.

For Sale—Desirable farms near Laurens, improved and unimproved. See me before buying. B. M. Wolff, 2-5t.

City Property—Some desirable city property for sale at attractive prices. Houses and lots. B. M. Wolff, 2-5t.

Bulbs For Sale—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church will take orders for bulbs. Country trade solicited. See or write Mrs. W. L. Gray, 2-3t.

the corporate limits of the city of Laurens; six gin stand with engines and boilers complete, side track, elevation for coal yard, machine shop building, foundry house seven-room dwelling, two stories, with waterworks, electric lights, all on four acre lot within two blocks of public square and main business district. Fine gin stand and seed market. Splendid stand and opening for coal yard and machine shop and foundry. Settlement of estate. C. H. Roper, Executor, Laurens, S. C. 3-3t.

**A Doctor's Remedy for Coughs.**  
As a cure for coughs and colds Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey combines these remedies in just the right proportion to do the most good for summer coughs or colds. A trial will prove the value of this splendid cough medicine. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey soothes the irritation, stops your cough, kills the cold germs and does you a world of good. A 25c bottle will more than convince you—it will stop your cough. At druggists.

Special communication of Palmetto Lodge will be called Thursday night, 21, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of conferring the M. M. degree. The brethren are urged to attend. E. O. Anderson, Thos. I. Swygert, Secretary. W. M.

**The Strong Withstand the Heat of Summer Better Than the Weak**  
Old people who are feeble, and younger people who are weak, will be strengthened and enabled to go through the depressing heat of summer by taking regularly Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It purifies and enriches the blood and builds up the whole system. 50c.

PEOPLE ASK US what is the best hair tonic. We always recommend



Meritol HAIR POMADE

We know the formula and it is a good one. Sold only by us, 50c and 1.00.

Carolea Drug Co., Laurens and Watts Mills.

Your Hairs Should Move Once a Day. A free easy movement of the lower eyelids every day is a sign of good health. Dr. King's New Life Pills will give you a gentle laxative effect without griping and free your system of blood poisons, purify your blood, overcome constipation and have an excellent tonic effect on the entire system. Makes you feel like living. Only 25c at druggists.

# SAM J. NICHOLLS ABSOLUTELY DISPROVES EVERY CHARGE MADE BY TRAXLER

Says it is Mighty Easy for a Man to Prefer Charges Behind a Man's Back, but Truth Will Prevail. Defies Traxler to Disprove any Statement Made in His Article. Hopes to be Able to Make One Speech in Spartanburg, Monday Night, 8:30, Aug. 28th. He Will Invite Both of His Opponents to be Present. Is Detained in Washington on Account of President's Veto of Military Appropriations Bill Which Has Been Referred back to His Committee.

### TO THE VOTERS OF THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

I have made two races for Congress, and so far as I can learn every man who has ever run against me for Congress is supporting me now with the exception of Hon. A. H. Miller, who is running for Congress. This is largely due to the fact that I have always conducted a clean campaign and have not taken any unfair advantage of any man who ran against me. It has been my desire to come to my District and talk to my people and I would have been there before now had it not been for the fact that we have thousands of troops on the Border, who are absolutely dependent upon the action of the Military Affairs Committee, of which I am a member, for appropriations to take care of them.

I have also been requested by the Speaker of the House, Hon. Claude Kitchin, majority leaders and others, to remain at my post of duty. In my absence a man who is running against me has endeavored to take every unfair advantage of me, and for this reason I am giving this notice to the papers for fear that I will not be able personally, before the Primary, to visit my District.

Tricky, truthless Traxler is getting out a statement criticising certain acts of mine in public life, and I am going to take up each item and answer them separately:

First, he goes back and brings up the old "dictagraph bosh" by Thomas B. Felder of Atlanta, Georgia, and William J. Burns, Felder is not considered in Atlanta as a dishonest crook, and is in the hospital at this time, stabbed by a man in the Georgia legislature, on account of his rascality. Burns was run out of Georgia on account of producing false evidence in the Frank case. You are all familiar with this case. I do not think that a man who would refer to such men as Burns and Felder for references is better than any of them. The trio ought to be in the penitentiary.

Traxler says Hearson told him I had traded and agreed to fight Blease for the support of the Spartanburg Herald. Mr. Hearson says that is a lie—Mr. J. Boyce Lee, ex-mayor of Spartanburg, says this is a lie—and Sam J. Nicholls denounces it as a contemptible lie. Nicholls is running his own race and is fighting no candidate for Governor.

He goes further and says that he will offer \$25.00 reward for a statement signed by Hon. Sam J. Nicholls that he is going to support Blease in the coming primary. I am not supporting anybody in the race for Governor. I am running for Congress, on the record which I have made since I have been here. We settled our differences at the last election. I expect to vote for whom I please. Nobody cares but Traxler to know how I am going to vote, and it is none of his business. He has never stated yet who he was going to vote for further than he was going to work and vote against Blease.

He sums up in his statement that I failed to vote for a Jim Crow Car Bill; for a law limiting the hours of labor in cotton mills; for a three cent railroad fare and for a bill prohibiting black-listing. Traxler knows as well as you do, and as well as I do, that this is pure demagoguery, and unworthy of a decent man who is running for office. The record shows that these bills never came to a vote in the House of Representatives, and Traxler knows that unless they come to a vote, I had nothing in the world to do with them. If any of them had come to a vote, I certainly would have voted for them all. This he knows as well as you do.

He states, further, that I voted against a bill appointing a Committee to investigate railroads of the state. That is true. My reason for doing this was that we had already passed a bill appointing a Railroad Commission, whose duty it was to investigate the railroads. Another bill was introduced, appointing a separate committee and carrying with it an

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appropriation of thousands of dollars, to pay this committee for the investigation. I voted against the resolution because I was trying to save the tax-payers of the state from paying out money for a "junketing" trip for a committee when we already had a committee appointed to do the investigating.

**Jim Crow Law in Washington.**  
Traxler says that I have not passed a bill prohibiting white people and negroes from riding on street cars in Washington, and that if he comes to Congress he will pass such a bill. When I mentioned this matter to the chairman of one of the large committees in the House, he said, "Sam, that fool ought to be in the Asylum instead of Congress". Mr. Clark has introduced a bill which is now pending, prohibiting this outrage. Mr. Clark has been in Congress for over ten years and is one of the most influential members.

Hon. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, who shot a negro on the car for sitting by a white lady and using obscene language, has also introduced a bill prohibiting different races mixing on cars. As yet, we have been unable to get them through on account of the fact that northern Democrats vote with the Republicans when such bills come up. However, I will vote and do all I can to get such a bill through when it comes before the House. If such men as Tom Heflin and Frank Clark cannot push through such measures in Congress, I want to ask the thinking people how Dave Traxler would manage to do so. If he hasn't any more brains than his campaign shows, he couldn't pass a dollar bill in a ten cent laundry, much less a bill formulating a law in the United States.

Traxler has not only tried to inject factionalism into this campaign but has stooped so low as to try to inject religion into it. I am a member of the M. E. Church South in Spartanburg, S. C., as is verified by a copy of letter which I hereby print from Rev. C. C. Herbert, Pastor.

"Methodist Episcopal Church South, Chesley C. Herbert, Pastor. "Spartanburg, S. C., June 26, 1916. "To whom it may concern: "The Hon. Sam J. Nicholls of Spartanburg, S. C., member of Congress from this District, is a member in regular standing of Central Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Spartanburg, S. C.

"Mr. Nicholls' father, Judge George W. Nicholls, has for many years been an influential steward of Central Church, and his maternal grandfather, the late Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D., was a leading member of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, twice president of Columbia College, and for several years a member of the bishops' cabinet.

"Hon. S. J. Nicholls joined the Methodist Church in early life and is still a member. "(Signed) C. C. Herbert. "Pastor Central Methodist Episcopal Church South."

I do not claim that from a religious stand-point I have been all that I ought to have been. I do claim, however, that in the mistakes I have made in life, I have been open and above-board, and I have not, like Mr. Traxler, used the cloak of the Church to hide my immorality or to be a contemptible hypocrite.

He claims that I recommended the appointment of Rev. E. A. Duff as acting chaplain in the Navy, and because of this fact I have favored the Catholic Church. The facts in the case are these: A Catholic priest was a chaplain in the Navy and died. That created a vacancy, which had to be filled, according to the rules by a Catholic priest. If a Methodist chaplain had died, a Methodist would have gotten the position; if a Baptist had died, a Baptist would have gotten the position; if a chaplain from any other denomination had died, that denomination would have gotten the appointment. There was no chance to have anyone appointed to this position except a Catholic priest, as a Catholic priest had died and created the vacancy. Mr. Duff came to me with letters of endorsement from Judge Joseph T. Johnson, Hon. Louis W. Parker, Congressman Whaley of South Carolina and Congressman Atken of South Carolina, stating that he was in every way qualified for the position as chaplain. Nobody but a Catholic priest could be appointed to

the position, under the circumstances. I, therefore, recommended a priest from my own District. If he had not been appointed some other Catholic priest would have been appointed. I would like to know whether or not Traxler would have recommended him, under these circumstances. If he would not have, he is right in saying that he "would not represent, if elected, the whole people of his District, but one faction of them".

Traxler states that I represented the railroads and cotton mills when I was in the legislature of South Carolina. As a matter of fact, when I was elected to the House of Representatives of South Carolina in 1907, I did not represent any railroad or cotton mill. I do not represent them now. I have not practiced law since being elected to Congress, and do not intend to as long as I am a member of Congress.

To show you whether or not I was influenced by the corporations which he claims I represented, I refer you to Page 654, House Journal, S. C., 1907, which shows that I introduced a bill requiring railroads to post further notices as to delay trains and putting a heavy penalty on them if they did not. This, of course, the railroads opposed. If I had been their representative, would I have been fighting them?

I also voted for a bill not allowing children under fourteen years of age to work in cotton mills and I stated in my speech against the Child Labor Bill on the floor of the House, in Congress, that I thought this was a matter for states to regulate and not the Federal Government. The mill presidents sent a delegation to Columbia to see me relative to my vote in this matter, and I told them that I represented the laboring interests of my state and that I believed the bill was correct and that I would vote for it.

So contemptible has been Mr. Traxler's campaign that he criticises me for playing base ball on the Democratic team against the Republicans. One word in regard to that. Every year this game is played. The proceeds of the game are given to the poor children of Washington to help provide the necessities of life. This year the net results were \$700.00, which went to these poor children to help them along. I took a part in helping them get this money and I have no apologies to make for doing so.

Now in conclusion, I wish to state that I have stayed at my post of duty when I knew it was to my interests to be campaigning. I have done what I thought was for the best interests of my District. I have represented all of the people of my District without regard to factions. I am running on my own merit. Traxler says I don't stand on my feet. I will leave it to the honest, fair-minded people of my District whether or not I am standing on my feet, or whether Traxler is. I am running on the record which I have made since I have been in Congress, and I am proud of it and stand by it. Traxler is swinging in the air to the coat-tail of every candidate for Governor, but none of them think enough of him to want to pull him along, and he really doesn't know whose coat-tail he is grabbing at.

Traxler announced that I had no influence in Washington and that I could not have Jake Gosnell appointed to the Government service. After his speech, I had Jake appointed. Now he is criticising me for the appointment and trying to belittle Jake Gosnell. I have known Jake Gosnell for years. Jake has his faults like all of us have, but I believe that he is honest and I would trust him with my pocketbook. That is more than I could say for Traxler. If Jake had not been a better man than Traxler I never would have had him appointed to this position which he now holds.

Traxler started out fighting Blease. He found out that the anti-Bleasites had no confidence in him and his ability. He is now trying to get the Blease votes. Beware of a double-cross and a hypocrite. Vote for an HONEST MAN for Congress.

I REFER YOU TO ANY DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF CONGRESS AS TO MY RECORD SINCE I HAVE REPRESENTED MY DISTRICT IN WASHINGTON.

I WISH TO WARN MY FRIENDS TO BEWARE OF ELEVENTH HOUR CAMPAIGN LIES.

Sam J. Nicholls.