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## THE CITY COUNCIL HAS NEW MEMBERS

### Wards One, Two and Six Have New Aldermen.

### THE VOTE WAS LIGHT.

Messrs. Copeland, Brooks, and Nash Are Elected Aldermen—And Mayor Babb Is Re-elected.

Very little interest was manifested in the City primary election held yesterday; except possibly in the race for alderman in Ward 1, between Messrs. Gilkerson and Brooks. Mayor Babb was re-elected without opposition and his name was not once scratched in the election. Mr. Babb's total vote was 245.

In Ward One, W. H. Gilkerson, Jr., was defeated for re-election by Mr. Jno. B. Brooks, the vote being 29 against 42.

In Ward Two, Mr. E. W. Martin was defeated for re-election by Mr. M. L. Nash by a vote of 19 to 6.

Mr. R. S. Templeton was re-elected alderman from Ward Three without opposition receiving the 43 votes cast.

Mr. A. L. Hudgens, the incumbent alderman from Ward Four defeated Mr. J. Wade Anderson by a vote of 22 to 5.

Ward Five had but one candidate, Mr. W. H. Anderson, who stood for re-election, receiving a vote of 51.

In Ward Six, Mr. W. R. Richey did not stand for re-election and Mr. M. L. Copeland defeated Mr. J. E. Philpot by a vote of 17 to 8.

Mayor Babb received the total vote cast in each ward.

These nominees will be elected in the general election on March the 9th and will begin their term of office on the following Tuesday.

### County Teachers' Meeting.

The County Teachers' Association will meet in the Graded school building on Saturday, February 27, at 11 o'clock. It is earnestly requested that every teacher in the county who can come will attend this meeting.

The following is the program:  
1. Opening exercises.  
2. Topic: The County School and Its Improvement. (a) How to Improve Rural Schools—W. P. Culbertson.

(b) The Course of Study—Mr. Geo. L. Pitts, County Superintendent of Education.

(c) School Building and Grounds—Miss Maggie Garlington.

(d) Some Knotty Problems—Mr. W. S. Patterson and Miss Bessie Burkett.

3. Recitation—Miss May Putnam.  
1. Topic: The Teaching of English.

(a) Learning to Read and to Write—Miss Harriett Poore.  
(b) A Practical Demonstration of Teaching Primary Reading with a Class—Miss Emily Meng.

(c) Composition, Oral and Written, in the Primary Grades—Miss Daisy Allen and Miss Winona Riley.

(d) Methods of Treatment of Reading in the Grammar Grades—Mr. E. H. Hall.

(e) Grammar and Language Work in the Grammar Grades—Mr. W. S. Hough.  
Come and bring some one with you. Urge your trustees to attend.

### Laurens Officers' Fund.

The total amount so far received in Laurens for the Hero fund is \$553.50; added to this is something like \$400 received by the Columbia State. The \$1,000 is almost reached; and the fund still grows.

### Auditor Elect McCravy.

Mr. Charlie W. McCravy, county auditor-elect, has received notice of appointment from the Governor and, as soon as his bond can be arranged, his commission will be forwarded from Columbia. This, Mr. McCravy thinks, will be done about the first week in March, probably about the 5th at which time he will take charge of the office.

### "A Trip To India."

Popular prices will prevail next Thursday night at the opera house on which occasion the Herald Square Opera company will appear in the famous Broadway musical comedy success "A Trip To India." The company has a complement of twenty-five players who include a chorus of bewitchingly pretty and shapely girls. The production is embellished with magnificent costumes and special scenery.

## CONFERENCE HERE FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

### Railroad Commission and Railway Officials Will be Here Friday to Confer on Matters for Laurens.

Following instructions from the Laurens Chamber of Commerce a committee, consisting of Messrs. C. C. Featherstone, W. L. Gray and S. E. Boney went to Columbia Tuesday of last week and appeared before the Railroad commission of the State in reference to the freight and passenger facilities of this place. The immediate object of the committee was to petition the commission to visit Laurens, together with the officials of the two roads, look over the situation, and then if possible to make recommendations or instructions, in the matters of a new passenger station and of separating the freight agencies.

The committee presented their petition to the commission, inviting them to visit Laurens. In reply to this petition, Dr. Aiken, president of the Chamber of Commerce has received from Chairman Jno. Earle of the commission the following:

"The commission has appointed Friday, February 19, 1909, at 3 o'clock, p. m. for a hearing at Laurens.

President Childs of the C. N. & L. Railroad and Mr. A. W. Anderson of the C. & W. C. Railroad have been invited to be present and give information at this meeting."

Dr. Aiken requests that every member of the Chamber of Commerce be present at the depot on Friday of this week at 3 o'clock to meet the commission and the railroad officials in the proposed conference.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Willie H. Hamilton and Miss Jimmie Florrie Pinson were united in marriage at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Wade H. Pinson in the Mt. Pleasant section, Rev. W. D. Hammett officiating. Mr. Hamilton is of the Ekoni section of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Boney of Laurens spent Thursday and Friday in Columbia, guests of Mrs. V. D. Bagot on Pendleton street. Mrs. Boney was Miss Emily Bellinger, a charming Walterboro girl, and is one of the January brides.—Columbia State.

Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of Rev. W. D. Hammett, the officiating minister, Mrs. Hester Brownlee Knight and Mr. C. A. Jolly of Spartanburg were united in marriage. The couple will make their home in Spartanburg, where Mr. Jolly is engaged in business.

Mrs. Bland Hammond of Columbia is the guest of Mrs. W. R. Richey, Jr. on South Harper street.

The Fortnightly club was entertained on Saturday morning by Mrs. W. R. Richey, Jr. at her home on South Harper street.

Mrs. Richey is a charming hostess and the morning spent with her was a delightful one. She was assisted in receiving by her guest, Mrs. Bland Hammond. After eight pleasant games of Nations were played a salad course, pressed turkey and coffee were served.

Those present were: Mesdames R. F. Jones, A. C. Todd, A. H. Sanders, R. E. Copeland, H. K. Aiken, W. H. Anderson, W. H. Washington, J. N. Richardson, Lamar Smith, A. J. Gray, B. L. Clardy, Bland Hammond, and Misses Lila Hart, Wilton Gray, Annie Gilkerson, Bessie Todd, and Emily Meng.

Miss Ella Roland was the charming hostess to a number of her friends on Saturday afternoon at her home on West Main street. A peanut stringing contest was the game played and an afternoon of much pleasure was spent.

Miss Roland was assisted in receiving and serving by her sister, Miss Bessie. The rooms were artistically decorated and the rays from dainty colored candles lighted the rooms.

Those present were: Mesdames A. C. Todd, W. R. Richey, Jr., Bland Hammond, Connor Fuller, H. L. Clardy, R. E. Copeland, A. H. Sanders, H. A. McLeod, E. D. Langston and S. E. Boney; Misses Annie Gilkerson, Fannie Mae Thomas, Emily Meng, Mary Simpson, Wilton Gray, Kate Glenn, Wilton Boyd, Janie Colvin, Bessie Pentross, Lila Hart, Bessie Byrd, Bessie Barnett, Laura Barksdale, Willie Jones, Miss Kendrick and Miss Brockington.

Miss Mary Todd delightfully entertained a few friends Saturday evening at a Valentine tea. Her guests were: Misses Josephine Fuller, Lilla Mae Dial, Dorcas Calmes, and Willie May Childress; Messrs. J. W. Dunklin, Thos. I. Sawyer, A. W. Teague, and W. G. Lancaster.

Mrs. Claude Fuller was the charming hostess to a number of friends at her home on West Main street Saturday at an elegant dining; and again

## DOTS FROM RABUN CREEK.

### Doings of Rabun People, their Friends Visitors and Neighbors.

Rabun, Feb. 15.—Mr. W. C. Babb of Fountain Inn was in the community Monday and Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Jennie Shealey of Laurens is visiting Mrs. G. W. Babb this week. Miss Belle Vance and mother were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Vance Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. L. Meyer of Newberry is spending a while with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Putnam.

Mr. Clyde Mahaffey and wife were visiting in the Friendship community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren of Friendship visited her mother, Mrs. R. A. Owens, Sunday.

Mr. Clyde Godfrey who is teaching school at Centerville was up on a visit to his parents Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. T. F. Babb and wife spent a very pleasant day at the home of Mr. L. R. Babb in Green Pond section last Sunday.

## Conference in Greenville.

The Pastors' Conference and Missionary Institute for the Greenville district of the South Carolina Methodist Conference will meet in the Bannockburn Street Methodist church of Greenville on Wednesday morning and will remain in session through Thursday. Rev. J. D. Crou, pastor of the First Methodist church of Laurens, will preach the opening sermon of the Missionary institute on Wednesday night on the subject of missions. Mr. W. L. Gray of this city will attend the conference.

## Mr. J. Q. Pyles Dead.

Greenwood, Feb. 12.—Mr. John Q. Pyles died this morning at 1:30, his death being the result of pneumonia. Mr. Pyles is survived by two brothers, Mr. N. O. Pyles of Columbia and Mr. P. J. Pyles of Barnwell. He is a native of Laurens county having been born and reared in the Waterloo section, moving thence to Greenwood.

on Saturday evening other friends enjoyed Mrs. Fuller's hospitality at a most delightful tea.

Those present in the morning were: Mesdames M. L. Copeland, B. W. Ball, C. C. Featherstone, W. D. Ferguson, C. E. Gray, and Mayme Ferguson. In the evening the guests were: Rev. W. E. Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. T. Foster Simpson, Mr. C. D. Barksdale and Miss Laura Barksdale, Col. J. W. Ferguson, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burton.

The Pastor's Aid Society of the Presbyterian church served an elegant supper to all members on Friday evening in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. The occasion was a Valentine tea, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The menu cards were an ingenious feature of the evening; they read as follows:

MINU  
A Son of Noah  
A Thanksgiving Representation,  
Confused and Mixed  
Women of Grit.  
Wood from a celebrated Watering Place.  
Herald of Dawn,  
Emergency Cake,  
Humpty-Dumpty Stuffed,  
Fragrant Beans from Arabia,  
Boston's Overthrow,  
Queen Charlotte of Russia and Her Fingers,  
Spring's Offering.

Saturday morning Miss Mary Todd entertained with a delightful luncheon the members of the mysterious Twenty-Two club at her home on West Main street in compliment to Mrs. S. E. Boney, who has recently been elected a member of the club. Miss Todd was assisted in receiving and serving by Miss Dorcas Calmes.

The dining room where the elegant luncheon was served was tastefully decorated with the emblems of St. Valentine's day, garlands of hearts being suspended from each corner of the room to the chandelier, and illumined by the soft red glow of shaded candles. The table also was lavishly decorated with hearts, at each plate dainty Valentine cards appropriately inscribed were placed as souvenirs of the occasion. The luncheon was served in seven courses and consisted of grape fruit, consommé; fried oysters, pickles and crackles; salad and olives; nut sandwiches and blanc mange; and fruit cake, pound cake, coffee and mints.

Those of the club present were: Misses Elizabeth Shell, Nell Miller, Rosalee Franks, Josephine Sullivan, Elizabeth Richey, Willie Mae Childress, Zelene Gray, and Mrs. S. E. Boney.

Mrs. C. E. Gray, Mrs. J. W. Clarke, Mrs. M. L. Copeland, Mrs. W. E. Lucas and young Clarke Gray left Monday by the way of Columbia and Jacksonville for a trip to Cuba.

Mrs. T. Chesley Lucas of Chester arrived in the city Monday at the home of Mrs. W. E. Lucas where she will be during the absence of Mrs. Lucas in Cuba.

## DEATH OF HERVEY SULLIVAN.

### Promising Young Man of Mountville Dies at Clinton—Other Items.

Mountville, Feb. 15.—It was with surprise and sorrow that the information of Hervey Sullivan's death was received here Tuesday morning. Born and raised here he naturally won a place of affection in the hearts of the people with whom he mingled. Although with his father's family he moved to Clinton some 14 months ago, yet the ties so recently formed still bind. Cut off when just entering manhood adds even greater sorrow to his unexpected death. He is remembered at Mountville as a quiet steady boy, possessed of qualities which gave promise of a more useful manhood. His bereaved family have the sympathy of their many friends here.

Miss Frankie Culbertson, one of the teachers of our school, has been quite sick for several weeks at her home at Ekoni. Her place in school is being temporarily filled by Miss Nellie Miller.

Miss Mary Martin, another teacher in the Mountville school, was called home a day or two on account of the illness of her brother, who had pneumonia. He is now improving.

Mr. S. J. Razor went to Greenwood Friday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Mr. J. Q. Pyles. Mr. Pyles was well known here having lived in this part of the county a number of years. He leaves a wife and three little children, who have the sincere sympathy of their friends in this county.

Mr. Jesse Bryson is building another new store room at Mountville on the lot adjoining his other building.

M. B. Crisp & Son are having their ginners cleaned, whetted, and put in order for proper work next fall.

Dr. Broadus Stepp of Spartanburg spent a day and night here last week with his cousins, M. and Mrs. P. B. Richardson.

Mr. Henry Whitlock and son of Goldville have moved their families to Mountville and occupy one of the Pyles farms.

Miss Marie Teague and Mr. J. H. Madden are still in Baltimore but are improving under skilled medical treatment, and are expected home in another week or two.

## Dr. Snyder to Lecture.

Miss Delia Allen, teacher of the Lamford school, requests announcement that Dr. Henry N. Snyder, president of the Methodist church at Lamford on Friday evening, 8 o'clock of this week. The public are invited.

## Mr. Featherstone at Union.

Hon. C. C. Featherstone returned Monday from Union where on Saturday night he spoke at a well attended banquet, tendered by the officers of Monarch mills. Mr. Featherstone spoke on "South Carolina—her resources and possibilities."

The condition Monday and Tuesday of Capt. J. O. Alexander who had been ill for some time in this city at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. B. Pedon, was reported as very critical and little hope of his recovery is now entertained by family and friends.

Mr. Henry Counts spent Sunday in Greenwood.

## BEAUTIFUL YOUNG PRIMA DONNA.

### Janetta Rush, of the Herald Square Company a Youthful Star.

Miss Janetta Rush, the prima donna of the Herald Square (former Opera Company), which organization comes to the opera house next Thursday night, Feb. 18th evening in the comedy song success "A Trip to India," is preceded by the reputation of being one of the most youthful and at the same time capable operatic singers on tour.

Although scarcely out of her teens, Miss Rush handles the most difficult of operatic parts like a seasoned veteran and shows the result of an early and thorough training of her enviable musical gift.

Previous to joining the Herald Square combination, Miss Rush was prima donna of the Colonial Opera Co., which was one of the most successful organizations that toured the South last season.

## For That Terrible Itching.

Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay this itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

## PROF. ROY THOMAS TO LECTURE HERE.

### Newberry Professor to Speak Here on the Life and Poetry of Poe.

Prof. R. Z. Thomas of Newberry college has been engaged to lecture at the city opera house here on Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, on the subject of Edgar Allan Poe. In addition to the lecture, a musical program of a pleasing nature will be rendered by Mr. Thomas, assisted by Mrs. Thomas. This will be, by no means, a secondary feature, for Mrs. Thomas is the talented diva of Newberry college and the Lutheran church at Newberry.

Prof. Thomas has won considerable distinction on the American platform by his now famous lecture on Poe and at this time, the centenary of Poe, the lecture should be of special interest.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be for the benefit of the school library. An admission of 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children will be charged.

## Sense Elected Judge.

Columbia, Feb. 16.—Thomas B. Sense was elected by the jury assembly without opposition to be judge of the seventh judicial district to succeed Daniel E. Hydeck, resigned, to be associate justice.

Dr. J. H. Ernest Gray, of R. F. Jones and R. W. McCombs were all reported in John's assembly today without opposition.

There's nothing ever coming to the public from anybody, and it gets it.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Julia Gilkerson left Saturday morning for Union where she is visiting the family of Senator B. B. Town.

Mrs. Angies Schaefer and George Bell Monday for Charleston to attend the meeting of the T. M. Medical Association, now in session in the City of the Sea.

Mr. Oscar C. Cunningham was in Laurens Monday.

Dr. J. L. Pyles left Monday for the Medical convention in Chicago and he will graduate from the Charleston Medical college on March 12th, 1872, nearly 20 years ago, and will visit to Charleston this week to look to some of his old classmates, two of three of whom are still living and practicing medicine in this one continuous state.

James Strickler, teacher at the Ekoni school, left Monday for a day's conference in Spartanburg, the crisis Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Wood of Pinebluff was in the city Monday on business.

Mr. E. M. Babb of Gray Court was in the city Monday on business.

Capt. T. J. Darbo, former sheriff of the county for the Clinton Circuit, who has been in the hospital since he is greatly improved and he is expected to be entirely well in a few days. An industrious man who has for several years conducted a mill, presumably also in the city of Greenwood last Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. C. A. Power and A. Lee Langston, county commissioners and Clerk, respectively, of Laurens county, No. 38, Woodson of the World, have been selected as delegates to the annual meeting in the Herd Camp of South Carolina, which will be held in Spartanburg, the second week in March.

The Pastors' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church at Laurens, will give a supper and social at the City Opera House, Friday, Feb. 19th.

Mr. J. D. Brown and his wife have contracted to build a cottage on East Main street for Mr. Fletcher S. Smith.

Mr. C. F. Bush of the City of Pinebluff, who has been in the hospital for some time, is reported as being better.

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## ANOTHER CHAPTER IN YEGGMAN CASE

### Self-Confessed Pal Held in Jacksonville.

## MAN ROBBING STORE.

### Claims That Burglar Killed Here Was Named "Charlie Silas". Gave His Name as John Sampson.

Newcomer from Jacksonville, Florida, identified the yeggmans killed here on the morning of January 28, is now in custody of the officers, having been taken early Sunday morning in the very act of blowing a safe in that city. The man, after his arrest, talked quite freely about his doings; in fact so freely as to make his tale "small fishy." He says he was here with "Shenly Mike" and Inspector Gregory, identified "some" yeggmans, when the killing occurred.

The Jacksonville Time-Union of Monday contains an interesting article about the man and his capture. It is in part:

John Sampson, the confessed safe blow and yeggmans, who was arrested by Policeman Ammons at an early hour yesterday morning, just as he was in the act of blowing open a safe at Burgess' saloon, Bay and Jefferson streets, the police have one of the most valuable ever lodged behind the bars of police headquarters. This expert yeggmans yesterday informed the detectives that he, with the man who was with him yesterday morning and who made his escape, was also with the blow who was killed by a policeman at Laurens, S. C., a short while ago. The man killed at Laurens, according to Sampson, was known to the safe blowing profession as Charley Silas, and was an old timer in the safe blowing business.

When Sampson saw the man, so he claims, who lived in Charleston, going to the city by rail from Baltimore. He says one of the first men he met in Charleston was Charley Silas, the notorious yeggmans, who he killed a short while ago in the railroad yards of Laurens, S. C.

Sampson says he had known Silas in New York, and was well aware of the fact that he was a safe blowing yeggmans, and was now remained in Charleston several days, and planned to make his home in Charleston, they were in Savannah and while in that city they had an old pal of theirs, George Barton, the man who Sampson claims to have killed the Barnett job in connection with him. After the three men were freed in Savannah they operated yeggmans in various places, Sampson says, and he informed them that he had operated near Augusta, and they thought it best to get out of Georgia.

The Jacksonville Edition decided to remain in Jacksonville, and this city had been well equipped with safe blowing yeggmans, and he says that he, only came to Laurens to earn some sections of the city which he earned in cracking a safe in the outlying districts.

Sampson says he, with the other two men, operated successfully at Callahan and that was blowing a safe in the neighborhood of that place. He says that when he was in a safe at DeFand's saloon on one of their expeditions.

The yeggmans says that he, with Charley Silas and George Barton, left the City of Charleston for South Carolina, on the job at Laurens, was planned, the operation was in Charleston, and he says he had enough to do for Laurens.

The officers of the city have delighted to hear the evidence of Laurens and Sampson says he was in the cars a little while ago, but he says he was being taken to the top of a box car, and he heard the reports of the police officers that proved fatal to the yeggmans.

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