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LAURENS MAN ADDS SPICE TO MEETING

Featherstone Favorite of Anderson Voters.

CAMPAIGN SOON OVER

That Anonymous Campaign Circular Denounced as Contemptible, Dirty Politics by Mr. Featherstone.

Anderson, Aug. 22.—The meeting today was featureless almost. The "almost" was furnished by Mr. Featherstone, who used rather stronger language than usual in denouncing a certain circular he held in his hand while speaking, that he said has been scattered in the counties through which the campaign party has already passed.

This circular was headed, "Is He Appreciated by His Neighbors?" It sets forth that Mr. Featherstone has not held office in Laurens county. Mr. Featherstone characterized the document as "low down, contemptible and cowardly."

The rest of the meeting was like the usual campaign occurrence, except, perhaps, the fact that all the candidates seemed to be in better humor after a week's rest. Several of the candidates were late in reaching Anderson and an afternoon meeting was held.

The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock, Gen. M. L. Bonham, county chairman, presiding. The meeting was held in the court house and some 500 voters were on hand for the get-away.

Taxes and Liquor.

The candidates for lieutenant governor were the first speakers. E. W. Duvall was first. Mr. Duvall discussed the State finances first, finishing his speech with a few local option remarks. Mr. Duvall was generously applauded.

C. A. Smith followed and he, too, discussed the business affairs of the State. He completed his speech with a discussion of prohibition. Mr. Smith was applauded and at his conclusion was presented with a bouquet from the local Woman's Temperance union.

Military Men.

The candidates for adjutant general were next. The military men did not vary in any extent from the usual eloquent efforts and as usual the discussions were very, very military.

Charles Newnam was first and was followed by W. W. Moore, J. M. Richardson was detained by a missed train connection and did not arrive in time to take his regular turn. He addressed the crowd after the recess. All these candidates were applauded.

The quartet of candidates for railroad commissioner followed. These singers had profited by their rest from the stage and all were in excellent voice today. Their remarks were punctuated with expressions of "five mile break," and similar lore. All received applause. They took their turns before the footlights in this order: G. H. Mahon, O. C. Scarborough, James Candler, G. McD. Hampton.

Charges It to Whiskey Men.

C. C. Featherstone was first gubernatorial candidate to speak. After telling of his youth and young manhood spent in Anderson, he took up what he termed "a disagreeable duty," the denouncing of a circular he held in his hand. Mr. Featherstone said it was not sent out from Laurens, but was mailed on the trains and not at the postoffice, the subterfuge concealing the points from which the anonymous circular was dispatched. The speaker exonerated all of his opponents, saying they were honorable men. He charged whiskey interests with being responsible for the circular.

Mr. Featherstone then took up prohibition and as usual made a strong prohibition talk. He was applauded and presented with a bouquet from the Woman's Temperance union.

For Local Option.

Thomas G. McLeod was next, and he made a splendid local option speech. Mr. McLeod spoke of the circulars Mr. Featherstone referred to and, like the first speaker, denounced the sending out of such literature. Mr. McLeod said he voted for prohibition in Lee, as did the Anderson voters in Anderson, but he stood staunchly for local option. He stressed the fact that he is not an advocate of liquor selling

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SOMETHING DOING EVEN IN MID-SUMMER

Clinton Building Activity Goes On Unabated—Laurens Concern Will Open Store in Town.

Clinton, Aug. 23.—The usual August inactivity is much in evidence in Clinton. And yet a vigorous inquiry discloses that something is doing.

Work has gone slowly on Tribble's new hotel because of some complication in the sewerage arrangements. But the city council is progressive and active and has put in motion the necessary legal machinery looking to installing city sewerage very shortly. There is a strong public sentiment to support such a move.

The new bonded warehouse on West Main street will be completed at a cost of \$10,000 in time for the fall business.

A change in Mr. Fred Fowler's grocery business will be effected the first of September when Mr. Edgar Nabors will go into partnership with Mr. Fowler.

It is understood that the Switzer Company of Laurens, recognizing the excellent business advantages of Clinton, will open a clothing store in the Utopia building on Musgrove street about September first.

Mr. J. T. Blakely will move his variety store into one of Copeland-Stone's new buildings on Musgrove street the first of September.

Four new residences are either just completed or will be completed soon. Mr. G. A. Copeland's which is universally pronounced one of the handsomest in the county, will be finished in a week. It is a handsome Colonial mansion finished throughout in the most solid and substantial manner.

Mr. C. C. Bailey is erecting a beautiful residence to cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000 on North Broad street.

Mr. J. F. Jacobs has transformed the Horton place, remodeling and repainting it and putting a stone curbing around the front instead of a fence. This was always one of the attractive places of Clinton, and the changes have added to its beauty.

Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Copeland and their widowed daughter, Mrs. Frank Webster, who will make her home with them, will move into a lovely new residence in September.

Mr. Spencer's family will enter their new home in September.

CRIMINAL COURT CONVENES SEPT. 12

Judge John S. Wilson Will Preside—Jurors Were Drawn Tuesday.

One Week of Court.

The fall term of general sessions court for Laurens county will be convened on Monday, September 12. Judge John Wilson will preside and the court will be in session one week.

The jurors were drawn Tuesday as follows:

J. A. Bailey, J. A. Franks, G. W. Bailey, Thos. R. Johnson, T. A. Armstrong, John Bramlett, J. T. Peden, W. F. Bolt, D. A. Glenn, W. A. Anderson, J. W. Bolt, G. T. Little, C. B. Roper, G. T. Cook, J. W. Simmons, G. W. Long, W. E. Bobo, S. W. Dean, J. L. Crawford, M. W. Boyd, H. L. Senn, D. D. Brownlee, E. B. Bolt, Fed Johnson, A. J. Hollingsworth, James H. Trynham, H. H. Abernethy, R. J. Thomas, John B. Terry, A. Lane Moore, R. W. Brown, H. A. Coleman, H. D. Stuart, T. J. Blalock, R. M. Wasson, J. S. Bennett.

Rabun Creek News Items.

Rabun, Aug. 22.—The meeting closed at Rabun Wednesday, much good done—seventeen joined.

Rev. J. E. McManaway after preaching at Rabun nearly two weeks returned to his home in Greenville Wednesday afternoon.

A goodly number of young people from this community attended the picnic at Friendship Friday.

Mrs. G. W. Babb and children were visiting her sister in Waterloo Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Vivian Owens was the visitor of Misses Mae and Allie Babb Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orsborne Hix of Friendship spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Putnam.

Mrs. Rebecca Owens was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Boardie Owens Saturday.

Mr. Lee Chapman after spending several days in Friendship community returned to his home in Fountain Inn Sunday evening.

DROUGHT TELLING ON CROPS.

Many Personal Items of General and Local Interest.

Madden, August 23.—We are in the midst of a drought and crops are beginning to show the effect of same. Up to two weeks ago we had been blessed with rain—but if the showers fail to come in the next few days deterioration will set in.

Mrs. M. T. Allison and Mrs. Mollie Teague are visiting this week in Enoree.

Miss Juanita Martin who is now traveling for Jacobs' Press Syndicate is well pleased with her work.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Madden of Cross-Hill accompanied by their grand daughter, Marie Madden of Columbia, stopped over on their way from the reunion at Spartanburg, with the family of Mr. Jno. A. Madden.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimmerman of Edgefield are visiting Mrs. Trimmerman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Madden.

Master John Wm. Wofford, accompanied by Misses Susie Langston, Kate and Azile Wofford, attended the reunion at Langston church as they are all lineal descendants of Squire Langston who reared his family near that church. They were given a warm welcome by old family friends. They were so well pleased with their first visit they expect to repeat it soon.

Mr. J. A. Wofford who now superintends the laying of rails between Laurens and Spartanburg was at home Saturday to see the home folks.

Dr. J. L. Fennell, of Waterloo was called Sunday to see little Frances Finley who has been quite sick. Also to see Mrs. G. H. Finley and children.

Mrs. Della Cunningham of Cold Point is with her daughter, Mrs. Finley.

The friends of Miss Jessie Thompson will be pleased to hear she has recovered her usual health. She complimented her little niece, Miss Nora Thompson and her nephew, Master Marion and Germane Thompson with a party, Tuesday afternoon. After a delightful time of playing the guests were served melons, fruit and candy. Those who enjoyed Miss Thompson's hospitality were Misses Sara Bryson, Kathleen and Winona Martin, Myra Wofford and Masters Ryan Martin, Tom B. and Harold Culbertson.

Negro Shooting Affair.

Douglas Vance is in jail charged with shooting Walter Martin, another negro, last Thursday night as they were going home from church, in the vicinity of Mountville. Martin was shot three times, and it is doubtful if he recovers.

Improving Church Yard.

A granite wall has been built around the grounds of the First Baptist church and the yard is being leveled, adding materially to the appearance of the grounds.

Annual Babb Picnic.

The annual Babb picnic will be given at Babb's meadow, three miles west of Rabun Creek Baptist church, September the 2nd. Several public speakers will be there and everybody, one and all, young and old, are cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

Died In Atlanta.

Mrs. Emma J. Moseley, who until early this year was a resident of this city died in Atlanta, Ga. last Saturday at 3 o'clock P. M.

Her remains were brought to Laurens on Monday and the interment took place at the city cemetery at 2:30 o'clock. The funeral services were conducted at the grave by the Rev. L. P. McGee, pastor of the first Methodist church, of which Mrs. Moseley was a devout and consistent member.

The active pall bearers were Messrs. J. B. Brooks, A. D. Gray, J. F. Bolt, J. F. Tolbert, Jno. A. Franks and C. E. Kennedy. Honorary: W. L. Gray, W. A. Watts, J. N. Wright, O. B. Simmons and H. Terry.

Mrs. Moseley is survived by one son, Mr. Jas. R. Moseley of this city.

A Safe Guess.

Later information is to the effect that circulars concerning Mr. Featherstone's having been defeated for mayor of Laurens and for the legislature are mailed on trains so as to disguise even where they come from. It is a safe guess that somebody interested in the sale of liquor is behind this.—Spartanburg Journal.

Mrs. W. H. Strickland of Sumter is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. W. Tribble, West Main street.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN MEETING. Will Be Held at Laurens on Friday of This Week.

The State campaign meeting will be held at the park on Friday. The candidates for governor and other State offices who have been out on a county-to-county canvass of the State since June 22, will be here Friday to address the voters of Laurens. After Laurens only one meeting remains to be held, at Newberry on Saturday. Then it will all be over—except the voting and the shouting.

Prof. Thompson Has Pellagra.

Prof. J. W. Thompson, of Winthrop college, is in a New York hospital, suffering from pellagra. Our information is that his condition is quite serious and his friends are very much concerned about him.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Waterloo vs. Trinity Ridge.

Trinity Ridge won in an interesting game of ball Monday from Waterloo. Good catches in the out field were the features for both teams.

	R.	H.	E.
Trinity Ridge	6	6	5
Waterloo	5	4	7

Batteries: Trinity Ridge, Barksdale and Barksdale; Waterloo, Henderson and Culbertson. Umpire Anderson. Time 1:50.

W. O. W. Picnic.

The Woodmen of the World gave their annual picnic at Friendship on Friday. Large crowds attended, as usual, and the day passed very pleasantly.

Clinton Personals.

Clinton, Aug. 23.—Mrs. C. B. Adams has been very ill since Saturday, her condition on Monday being so alarming that her son-in-law, Mr. B. L. King, was recalled home from Baltimore.

Her friends are glad to know that she seems better today.

Miss Clara Duckett returned from Montreal, N. C. last week and has been quite ill ever since.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goldsmith and family have made in Clinton during the year of their residence here regret that they have decided to remove to Greenville in September. Mr. Goldsmith has, it is understood, a very attractive business opening offered him there.

Among the Clinton merchants in the Northern markets now are Messrs. P. L. King, R. Z. Wright, W. E. Bell, Joe Carter, and J. W. Copeland, Jr. Mrs. Copeland accompanied Mr. Copeland.

Dr. and Mrs. T. L. W. Bailey have returned from a tour of the northern cities and are settled in their home on West Main street. Mrs. Bailey has been warmly welcomed in Dr. Bailey's large circle of friends here.

Misses Etta Lee, Martha Hellams, and Fronde Kennedy of the Thornwell Orphanage schools attended the six week's summer session of Columbia university in New York city. They returned this week to South Carolina.

Miss Lee stopped for a week's visit with her brother's family in Charleston, and Miss Hellams went direct to Waterloo to visit her sister, Mrs. Tom Harris. Miss Kennedy is in Clinton.

Mrs. Mack Hipp of Abbeville returned home Saturday. She has been visiting her father's family since before the death of her mother, Mrs. T. H. Little.

Mrs. J. A. Bailey and Alden returned from the mountains this week.

Miss Jane Kennedy is visiting Miss Pearl Willingham at Blair.

Miss Mattie Mae Neville returned from a delightful round of visits Friday.

Miss Eliza Neville is visiting Mrs. G. W. Taylor in Greenville.

Mr. A. E. Spencer and his family left last week for an extended Northern tour after which they will go to Montreal until time for the opening of college. On their return they will move into their pretty new home on Calvert avenue.

Death of Willie Benjamin.

After a lingering illness, Mr. Willie Benjamin died at his home in the Holly Grove section of the county last Sunday morning at five o'clock. On Monday the funeral and burial services were held at Leesville church.

Mr. Benjamin is survived by eight children and his wife, who was before her marriage a Miss Adair of the county, a sister of the Messrs. Adair, the well known farmers and citizens of Holly Grove community.

REUNION OF COMPANY F FOURTEENTH S. C. VOL.

Annual Meeting of Survivors Held at Langston Church, With Nine of Command Present.

Langston Church, August 19.—The annual reunion of Company F, 14th regiment South Carolina volunteers, was held here today and was well attended.

The company roll was called by W. F. Wright who acted as secretary for the day. Only nine survivors were present, namely: Dr. W. A. Shands of Clinton, Geo. M. Hannah of Cross Hill, Nat. C. Sneed of Gaffney, E. W. Dendy of Woodruff, J. P. Anderson, J. Wilson Blakely, H. P. Blakely, Jas. P. Sloan, J. T. Todd of the county. Five honorary members were present—W. F. Wright, Daniel Yarbrough, Claude Machray, W. B. Clark and W. E. Owens.

The company has by resolution, adopted some years ago, designated the eldest son, or in case there is no son, the brother of a deceased veteran as honorary member.

Capt. W. A. McKelvey of Greenville county sent a letter regretting his inability to attend today's reunion.

Resolutions of respect to the memory of Comrades J. Warren Blakely and J. O. Templeton, both of whom have passed away since the last reunion, were read and adopted today.

Lieutenant W. A. Shands was elected permanent chairman, with Geo. M. Hannah as secretary and historian. Mr. Hannah, however, declined and William F. Wright was chosen, with L. S. Machray as assistant.

The following were elected today as honorary members: John B. Ferguson, Claude Machray, James Taylor, J. C. Templeton, H. M. Blakely. A record book was authorized to be bought in which to transcribe the roll and records of the old command.

The next reunion will be held at Sandy Springs church, August 19, 1911. The committee on arrangements is Jos. T. Todd, J. Wilson Blakely, Daniel Yarbrough, L. S. Machray and W. J. Copeland.

Company "F" was recruited from Seafleetown township principally, and was attached to McGowan's Brigade, Jackson's Corps. The muster roll contained the names of fourteen soldiers by the name of Blakely, as has been stated on previous occasions. Capt. R. S. Owens was the first commander.

A welcome visitor present today was Bob Dean of Memphis, who, after an absence of 55 years returned to view his old home near Tylersville. He is a veteran of the Confederacy, having gone to the front with the First Mississippi regiment.

A NEGRO PRISONER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Jim Davis, in Jail Charged With Murder Drank Carbolic Acid With Suicidal Intent.

Early Monday morning Jim Davis, colored, who is in jail charged with complicity in the murder of three members of his race last March, attempted to end his earthly existence by swallowing an ounce and a half of carbolic acid. After taking the poison, Davis at once became unconscious and the prisoners gave the alarm. A physician was secured and for a time it seemed that Davis could not possibly survive long. However, he rallied in the afternoon and has continued to improve since, though he is not out of danger yet.

Davis, it is recalled, was with Claude Ferguson the Saturday night two negro men and a woman, living in the vicinity of Parks station, were shot to death in their respective cabin homes. Davis has been in jail since a few days after the tragedy. Ferguson made his escape.

Davis told some of the prisoners that he was worried and that he rather he dead. He also told the sheriff the same since taking the poison, explaining his reason for the act. It seems that a fellow prisoner had the acid to use on himself under direction of the doctor, and that Davis managed to get hold of the bottle.

Made State-Wide Impression.

The sobriety and good order at Spartanburg during the reunion, due to prohibition, has made an impression all over the State and will be a strong argument for State prohibition.—Spartanburg Journal.

Mrs. W. E. Harrell and children of Columbia are visiting relatives in the city and at Princeton.

WATERLOO VOTERS HEAR CANDIDATES

Campaign Meeting Held There on Monday.

QUIET AND ORDERLY

The Campaigners Are Now on Second and Last Lap of the Laurens County Canvass.

Waterloo, August 22.—The Laurens county campaign was resumed today with a fine meeting held at the park here today. After a week's interval the candidates appeared in good form, and while most of the speeches today were along lines already given in the different reports of former meetings as carried by The Advertiser, the speeches of Messrs. Clarence Cunningham and W. R. Richey, Sr., candidates for the legislature, may be classed as features of the Waterloo meeting, the former taking occasion to explain some remarks he "let drop" at the Langston church meeting about the "negro schools and white teachers," while Mr. Richey devoted his address chiefly to Mr. F. H. McMaster's letter which was printed in The Advertiser last week. Messrs. Boyd, Sullivan and Irby, members of the present delegation, defended the act creating the office of insurance commissioner. It may be somewhat significant, but no phase of the eternal whiskey question was touched upon today by any of the candidates. With the exception of Mr. W. T. Dorroh, candidate for county auditor, all the candidates were present today. Mr. Dorroh sending word that he was too unwell to attend.

The meeting was held at the park. Township Chairman Marlon Moore presided. After calling the meeting to order he invited Col. John H. Wharton to make an address of welcome. Senator Wharton is always happy when it comes to speech-making and today he was particularly felicitous in extending the hospitality of the people of Waterloo to the campaign party and the many visitors present. At the conclusion of his remarks, the Rev. Felix Whitlock of the Methodist church was called upon to offer divine invocation.

County Treasurer.

County Treasurer J. D. Mock, candidate for reelection, R. D. Young and W. E. Washington, aspirants for the same position, were the first to address the meeting today.

County Auditor William T. Dorroh sent word that he was unable by reason of illness to attend this meeting.

County Commissioners.

W. B. Fuller of Cross Hill led off for the county commissioners and was followed by W. F. Bailey of Clinton and T. Mc. Roper of Laurens.

Judge O. G. Thompson.

Judge O. G. Thompson who has been honored by the people of Laurens in a political way for twenty two years, recalled the names of many Waterloo and Cross Hill veterans and other friends whose confidence and friendship he had always esteemed and whose loyalty was appreciated more than mere words could ever express.

Superintendent of Education.

For this office the incumbent, Geo. L. Pitts, opened his speech by congratulating the people of Waterloo upon their liberality and enterprise in the matter of educational facilities, referring to the fact that at this time a handsome new school building is being erected which will be a monument to the town for years to come. Mr. Pitts reviewed his work as superintendent since going into office twenty months ago, and showed the remarkable progress the people of Laurens are making in school affairs. In less than two years several new school houses have been erected in the county and at present more than a dozen comfortable buildings are in progress of construction. He also stated that the average school term had in this time been increased from 6-1-2 to 7-1-2 months the year. As to the conduct of the office of superintendent, Mr. Pitts declared that he assumed the duties of the office with the purpose of carrying out the law, so far as it relates to the schools of Laurens, and he had tried to do his whole duty.

Mr. J. C. Burdette, candidate for county superintendent of education, told of his race for this office two

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