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## HARMONY RULES COUNTY CONVENTION

### Resolutions Uphold Democratic Administration.

### OLD OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

Governor Cooper, Senator Dial and Solicitor Blackwell Elected Delegates by Acclamation. Five Other Delegates Elected from the Floor.

Harmony and good feeling characterized the meeting of the Laurens County Democratic convention held in the Court House Monday morning. Election of delegates to the state convention in Columbia May 17th formed the principal business of the convention. United States Senator N. B. Dial, Governor R. A. Cooper and Solicitor H. S. Blackwell being nominated by Mr. C. W. McCravy for election by acclamation, the motion carrying without a dissenting voice. Mr. McCravy moved that the remaining five delegates be nominated by a nominating committee, but his motion was withdrawn when Mr. W. W. Harris, of Clinton, moved that the delegates be nominated from the floor. This motion was carried unanimously and the following were nominated: A. W. Sims, B. R. Todd, F. P. McGowan, Dr. D. M. Douglas, W. R. Richey, Sr., T. M. Pincus, R. E. Babb, R. L. Gray and C. B. Owings. Messrs. Sims, Richey, Babb and Owings withdrew their names leaving the other five to be elected without opposition.

B. R. Todd, of the delegation, is a resident of Barksdale Station and was a major in the World War. F. P. McGowan is an attorney at Laurens. Dr. D. M. Douglas is president of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina at Clinton. Mr. T. M. Pincus is a merchant of Cross Hill and Mr. R. L. Gray is a merchant and banker of Gray Court. Mr. McGowan was designated by the convention to represent the county on the credentials committee at the state convention.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 11 o'clock by County Chairman C. A. Power. R. E. Babb was elected temporary chairman and Alison Lee was appointed by the chair as secretary with W. S. Power as his assistant. The roll call of the convention disclosed many delegates absent and some clubs entirely without representation in the hall. The rules of the convention were suspended on a substitute motion of Mr. J. W. Wells, of Gray Court, and the delegates present with the temporary organization already elected were made the permanent organization.

### Executive Committeemen.

The following were reported as executive committeemen from the various clubs: Laurens City, A. C. Todd; Laurens Cotton Mill, F. P. McGowan; Pleasant Mound, C. E. Burdette; Youngs, J. H. Abercrombie; Watts Mills, L. M. Kennedy; Cross Hill, S. H. Goggans; Mountville, M. B. Crisp; Gray Court, A. C. Owings; Stewart's Store, H. R. Pryor; Owings, R. M. Bryson; Hopewell, J. F. Workman; Goldville, T. N. Crocker; Poplar Springs, J. P. Simmons; Cooks Store, J. B. Cook; Thompson Store, T. D. Farrar; Woodville, J. E. Wham; Shiloh, J. L. Power; Hickory Tavern, J. W. Kellett; Daniels Store, M. W. Hill; Ekorn, J. C. McDaniel; Mt. Pleasant, B. M. Cunningham; Tip Top, A. W. Sims; Waterloo, W. C. Wharton; Clinton, C. P. Robertson; Clinton Mill, J. M. Clark; Renno, J. C. McMillan. The following clubs failed to report executive committeemen: Dials, Ora, Lanford, Grays Store, Princeton, Lydia Mill and Langston. Notice was given that the club at Wades had been discontinued and that this club would merge with the Cross Hill club.

With the organization of the convention perfected, election of a county chairman was in order. On motion of Mr. J. W. Kellett, C. A. Power was re-elected county chairman without opposition and on motion of Mr. C. W. McCravy, Mr. Jas. T. Crews was elected county executive committeeman without opposition. The election of delegates to the state convention was then gone into as above reported. The convention went on record as

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### LOOK OUT AUTOISTS!

Traffic Laws to be Strictly Enforced From Now On.

The traffic ordinance recently passed by the new city council is to be strictly enforced from now on, said Mayor Richey last night. Since the passage of the ordinance, he said, the officers have been more or less lenient with traffic "transducers", but from henceforth, look-out! This is the last warning, he said.

Judging by the rapid-fire action of one of the blue-coated brethren immediately following these warning words of the mayor, the spirit of law enforcement must already have permeated the force or taken immediate possession thereof, for as The Advertiser representative turned to climb into his car the laconic words were sounded: "Report at mayor's court tomorrow at 12." He was under arrest, by gum! The gentleman was very polite about the matter, though, and may listen to reason today.

Anyway, the lid's on.

### Clean-up Day May 12th.

City Council, in formal assembly, has set apart Wednesday, May 12th, as Clean-up Day in Laurens and on that day all the cleaning cohorts of the city will be put into action to make the city as spick and span "as the times will permit," as Senator Dial says in speaking about being honest. Householders of the city are requested to clean up front yards as well as back yards the day before and place the trash in receptacles on the streets so that the city garbage wagons can come along and empty them. Mayor Richey, in speaking of the matter last night, said that it was desired to have the city as clean as possible for Chautauqua week, May 17 to 24. It might also be added here that The Advertiser's representative was taking this piece of news down also when the cop "strafed" his automobile, an account of which appears elsewhere in this paper.

### Wins First Place.

Mr. Z. L. Madden spent last Thursday in Greenwood attending a conference of the agents of the Abberville-Greenwood Mutual Insurance Association. The name of Mr. Madden was announced at the meeting for special honors, having won first place among the agents in the amount of fire insurance placed during the month of April. The total amount of insurance sold by Mr. Madden during the past month was \$217,500. He was highly complimented by the head officials of the company for his excellent work, not only as to the amount but as to the quality of business. The company is now covering sixteen counties and is averaging over a million dollars of insurance per month. Between fifty and sixty agents attended the meeting held in Greenwood last week.

### Out for Senate.

Mr. R. Dunk Boyd, who has served five terms in the lower house of the General Assembly and who has been frequently spoken of as a probable candidate for the state senate, stated last week that he had decided to enter the race. This makes five entrants already in this contest. Messrs. O. P. Goodwin, O. L. Long, Phil D. Huff and Jack H. Davis having previously stated that they would be in the race. Mr. Boyd said that after serving five terms in the lower house, he felt that he was fully capable of representing the county in the upper house and very much coveted that honor.

### Selected as May Queen.

Miss Sara Bishop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bishop, of this city, has been selected as "May Queen" for the celebration at Columbia college to be held May 4th, according to an announcement made a few days ago. Miss Bishop is a member of the Freshman class and one of the most popular young ladies in school. Mrs. Bishop, Miss Harriett Bishop, Miss Elizabeth Switzer and little Miss Kathryn Switzer will go down to witness the celebration, little Miss Kathryn going to carry the train of the May Queen in the procession.

### Play at Graded School.

The members of the graduating class of the high school will give a play entitled "Miss Fearless & Company" at the graded school auditorium Friday evening, May 7.

### C. & W. C. TO ADD

#### ADDITIONAL TRAINS

Train to and From Greenville in the Afternoon. To be Given Try-out.

An additional train is to be put on by the Charleston & Western Carolina railway, according to an announcement in the Greenville papers yesterday. The train is to leave Greenville in the afternoon shortly after four o'clock and make the run to Laurens and back to Greenville. This train is said to have been added at the request of Greenville business men and people living along the line of the railroad. It will no doubt prove a great convenience to shoppers all along the line.

It is understood that the train will be given a 60 days try-out and if the patronage warrants, it will be continued permanently.

### OPERA HOUSE BIDS OPENED.

Piedmont Firm Makes Big Bid for Opera House Lease.

A Piedmont firm made a bid of \$100 per month for the use of the Opera House when bids were opened at the council meeting Monday night. This firm was awarded the lease on consideration that they furnish suitable bond to cover the contract. The present lessees, Messrs. Lee Bros. & Switzer, will move into their new place in The Advertiser building in a few weeks. Their bid on the house was \$600 per year, they stating in their bid that they intended to use it only for road shows and for pictures only when unusual business warranted.

The council, at the same sitting, decided to raise the license on pool rooms from \$500 to \$1,000 for the first table and \$100 for each additional table. This was done following a report that parties were considering opening a pool room here.

### MEMORIAL EXERCISES SUNDAY.

Memorial Day to be Fittingly Observed at the Cemetery Sunday Afternoon.

Memorial services will be observed at the cemetery Sunday afternoon, May the ninth, at six o'clock. Mr. A. C. Todd will have charge of the exercises and it is hoped a prominent speaker will make a short address for the occasion. The school children are requested to meet at the school building, at five-thirty o'clock and march to the cemetery to place a bouquet of flowers on each Confederate grave. The Thos. D. Lake, Jr., Post, American Legion, is invited to take part in the exercises.

### Off to Greece.

Mr. George Hondros, a member of the local Greek colony, expects to leave in a few days for New York where he will take ship for his homeland. George expects to visit relatives and undergo an operation on his leg, which has been giving him much trouble since he had a fall here several years ago. He thinks that he will be able to get relief from a famous surgeon in Athens, although he has had noted surgeons in this country to treat him. He expects to remain for about three months and then return to this country. It will be of interest to his friends here to know that Charlie Hondros, who also went to Greece a few months ago has been drafted into the army and is unable as yet to return.

### Union Meetings.

Announcement is made by the pastors of the city that beginning tonight union services will be held in the various churches to take the places of the regular Wednesday night prayer meetings until the Gypsy Smith campaign opens. The services will be held tonight at the First Presbyterian church, the sermon being preached by Rev. S. H. Templeman. In order to give church attendants an opportunity to attend the lyceum attraction, the hour of service for this evening only will be run up to 7:45 o'clock.

### Mt. Pleasant School.

The public is cordially invited to attend the commencement exercises of Mt. Pleasant school Thursday evening, May 13th, at 8:30 o'clock, and also to the school picnic on the following Saturday, the 15th.

### Ice Cream Supper at Narnie.

The public is cordially invited to attend an ice cream supper at Woodrow Wilson schoolhouse Friday evening, May 7th at eight o'clock.

### SENATOR DIAL SENDS

#### GREETINGS TO CONVENTION

Sen. N. B. Dial Calls for a Stand on Principles of Democracy, Gov. Cooper Unable to Attend.

Delegates to the county convention who expected the presence of Sen. N. B. Dial and Gov. R. A. Cooper were disappointed at their inability to attend. Gov. Cooper sent a message to County Chairman Power stating that he intended to be present, but that he was denied the privilege. He wished for a harmonious convention.

Sen. Dial, who was detained in Washington, sent a telegram to the convention but its late arrival prevented its being read. It was as follows:

Washington, D. C., May 3, 1920. To the Laurens County Democratic Convention:

I desire to extend to you my greetings and to congratulate you upon the great progress our State is making, especially along the lines of education and good roads, but most of all you are to be congratulated upon your strong and steadfast adherence to Jeffersonian and Jacksonian principles of democracy. If all the people were as sound politically as we in South Carolina, there would be no room for the reds, I. W. W., anarchists and other enemies of their government, the National progress and religion. There was never a time when it was more important that we should stand true to principle. The situation demands that we shall see how much good we can be to our country rather than be always endeavoring to see how little effort we can make for the up-building of mankind. All good citizens should unmistakably and immediately declare their allegiance on the side of sound morals and sound politics. We should encourage our people to work hard, spend less and save more and thus to increase the happiness of the families.

The state and the union stand strongly for your liberties. There is too much disposition at Washington to tamper with the rights reserved by the constitution to the states.

Prospects for democratic success are bright, but we must pull together. We deserve to win on our party's unparalleled record. We have accomplished in six years more constructive legislation than had been enacted in the preceding quarter century. Our victory depends on unity and the nomination at San Francisco of a man who will stand for principle and for the rights of all the people.

I was gratified to hear our Governor, Hon. Robert A. Cooper, deliver so vigorous and heartening a message to the South Carolina Society of Washington on Saturday evening. His speech was inspiring and its policy sound.

N. B. DIAL.

### \$500 RAISED FOR "Y"

Enthusiastic Meeting in the Court House Monday Evening.

At a call of R. R. Nickels, chairman for this county of the Y. M. C. A. drive, the sum of \$500 was raised in the court house Monday night to complete this county's quota of \$1,000 allotted by the central committee in Columbia. The other \$500 was raised in Clinton several weeks ago. The meeting was attended by about 25 men. Mr. Nickels presided over the meeting and forceful addresses were made by Messrs. Martin, Lanham and Dick of the central committee organization. The object of the association now, as stated by these speakers, was to extend the work of the Y. M. C. A. to the smaller towns of the state and ultimately to the rural districts.

### Electric Range Demonstration.

The Harney Electric Company is making extensive preparations for the Hughes electric range demonstration to be given at its place of business opposite the post office, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. The public is cordially invited to attend. An expert in the culinary arts will be present to assist in the demonstration.

### Special Legion Meeting.

A special meeting of the Thos. D. Lake, Jr., Post, American Legion has been called by J. McC. Barksdale, Post Commander, for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in accordance with instructions from national headquarters. Plans for the new membership drive and other important business are to be discussed.

### MINOR CASES TRIED.

Second Week of Common Pleas Court Presided Over by Judge Puerfify.

The second week of the court of common pleas opened Monday morning with Judge Jas. E. Puerfify, of Walterboro, presiding. Cases involving very small amounts are being heard, but the court is making rapid progress. The following cases have been tried since the last issue of this paper:

A verdict for the defendant was rendered in the case of Will S. Bolt vs Laurens County for damages to an automobile. According to the testimony the auto was damaged when it fell from a bridge over Rabun Creek, its being alleged that the fall was due to defective banisters. The suit was for \$585.

The next case was that of Miss Ida Smith vs D. A. Hipp, the suit growing out of a trade of automobiles. The jury decided to return each car to the original owner, placing everything as it was before the trade.

Columbus Hughes won a verdict of \$500 against H. L. Blakeley. In this case the plaintiff, who was a renter on the farm of the defendant, claimed that he was ejected from the place in August, after he had made a crop and before he was allowed to gather it.

In the case of K. B. Hughes vs John L. Gentry, where the plaintiff alleged the removal from and destruction of property on land purchased of the defendant, the jury awarded a verdict to the defendant.

In the case of W. L. Jones vs W. D. McPherson, where the plaintiff alleged that the defendant had failed to carry out the terms of a rent contract, a verdict was rendered for the defendant. Testimony in the case showed that Mr. Jones, after renting the land had sub-rented it to parties who attempted to place negroes on it. Mr. McPherson ordered the negroes not to go on the place and as a result of this failure of Mr. Jones to repair a house the suit was brought.

In the case of G. Y. Hollams and B. B. Owens vs Hattie Oliver involving the sale of two cows, the court ordered the cows returned to the original owners, leaving the matter as it was before the trade.

In the case of Erzo Irby vs O. B. Olsen, garage man, resulting from the refusal of Irby to pay what he considered an exorbitant charge for repairs, viz., \$206, the jury settled the case on the payment of \$65.

The court was engaged last night on the case of J. K. Thomason vs Mrs. B. W. Stevens, et al., where Mr. Thomason alleged damages as a result of a collision between his automobile and that of Mrs. Stevens.

### MILL SCHOOL CLOSES.

Program of Laurens Mills, School Closing is Announced.

The closing exercises of the Laurens Mills school will take place Thursday evening, May 6th, at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The following program has been announced for the occasion:

Song	-	-	Greeting
Recitation	-	-	My Age
Song	-	-	Grandfather's Clock
			May Pole Dance.
Recitation	-	-	James's Basket
			Garland Drill
Recitation	-	-	Mama's Cook
Song	-	-	The Swing
Recitation	-	-	Who Told?
			Wand Drill.
			Valedictory
Song	-	-	Good-by

### Tyrolean Yoddlers.

The Tyrolean Yoddlers is the lyceum attraction at the graded school building tonight, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The management promises that this will be the best number of the entire series and one of the best musical attractions that has ever visited Laurens. Further details of the attraction may be found in the half page advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

### Many Stood Examinations.

About fifty applicants stood the teachers examination held by Superintendent of Education R. T. Wilson in the court house Saturday. Of this number over thirty were new applicants. Mr. Wilson states that certificates for those who passed will be mailed out in about two weeks or as soon as the papers are examined.

## MEXICAN TROUBLE GROWING GRAVER

### American Citizens Murdered by Mexicans

### CHIHUAHUA FALLS TO REBELS

Murder of Americans Accentuates Concern in Washington Over Mexican Affairs. American Destroyers to Go to Mexican Waters at Once.

Washington, May 3.—The murder of two more Americans in Mexico, reported today to the state department accentuated the concern with which officials here are watching developments beyond the border. There was nothing however to indicate what extent the attitude of the Washington government toward the Sonora revolutionary movement might be affected by the fact that the incidents occurred in Carranza controlled territory.

Requests for additional warship protections on the east of Mexico already had been forwarded to the navy by the state department. While this had no relation to the latest murders, it was said to indicate the view of officials as to the unsettled conditions prevailing in that region, nominally at least, still held by Carranza forces.

On the border, loss of Juarez, official said, would be a serious blow to the federals because of its revenue producing capacity. They believed complete rebel control of the state of Chihuahua would be the logical result.

The murder of Eben Francis Greenlaw and his young son by Mexicans near El Oro, only 120 miles from Mexico City, brought from the American embassy in Mexico City a prompt and emphatic demand that the Mexican government arrest and punish the murderers. The American government contends that the Carranza authorities were responsible for the protection of the Greenlaws because of the presence of Mexican troops in the immediate vicinity.

The date of the sailing of the fleet of destroyers to Mexican waters was not made public but the belief was expressed that they would be sent at once.

Destroyers will be stationed at Tampico, Tuxpam, Vera Cruz and Fronteras, ready to take off any Americans who may be in danger either from the Mexican federal authorities or the rebels. The state department specifically stated that these vessels were not to take any part in the struggle between factions in Mexico but were asked for solely to provide a haven in case of need.

Reports were received here today of conferences attended by representatives of Obregon, Villa, Manuel Pelaez and Felix Diaz, which indicated that definite co-ordination between the various factions was being arranged. Official information showed that the revolution had been planned for several months.

Unofficial advices from Mexico City indicate that the censorship is being exercised more sharply than ever and that newspapers are not permitted to print any news of the rebel activity in the northern part of the country.

General Obregon has pledged himself to protect foreign lives and interests if elected to the presidency, a consular report to the state department said. Obregon also included in his platform a declaration in favor of renewal of foreign investments in Mexico. He accused President Carranza of violating the constitution in assuming dictatorial powers and of having injured Mexico through adoption of a policy calculated to drive out foreign capital.

### Address Sunday Afternoon.

Judge John S. Reynolds, of Atlanta, one of the most noted jurists of the south, is to make an address at the First Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the interest of the Salvation Army. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Engagement Announced.

Mrs. G. S. Garrett announces the engagement of her daughter, Edmonia Preston, to Mr. Earle Rowland, of Sumter, the wedding to take place in June.