

BATTLE OF BALLOTS RAGES IN SOUTH CAROLINA TODAY

Bitterest Campaign In The History of The State Comes To A Close

INTEREST INTENSE AND RECORD VOTE EXPECTED

Close Contest Between Blease and Jones Overshadows Races for Other Offices—Both Candidates Profess Confidence of Nomination—Polls Open for Eight Hours, From 8 a. m. to 4 p. m., and if Favorable Weather Continues, Largest Vote in Years Will Be Polled—Tension High Throughout the State.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 27.—South Carolina Democrats are today casting ballots for the nomination of all State and county offices. Chief interest is centered in the gubernatorial contest between Gov. Cole L. Blease, Judge Ira B. Jones and J. T. Duncan. In this contest, which is said to be the bitterest campaign in the history of the State, has been fought. In the offices of Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Comptroller General, State Treasurer, Superintendent of Education, Adjutant General and Commissioner of Agriculture, the incumbents have no opposition in the primary.

With interest at fever heat throughout the State and under favorable weather conditions, a record vote is being polled. Unless rain develops later in the day it is freely predicted that the farmer vote will be the largest in years. The weather forecast is: Local showers tonight or Wednesday; light variable winds.

BETTING 2 TO 1 ON JONES AT COLUMBIA

Special to The Chronicle. COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 27.—A heavy vote is being polled over South Carolina today. Long before the polls opened this morning at 8 o'clock, men were standing in line, and they began to cast their ballots the minute 8 o'clock arrived. Business is practically at a standstill and everybody has turned his attention to the titanic struggle being waged for the governorship of South Carolina. The weather forecast for today was for local showers, but up to noon there was little indication of rain. However the sky was covered by a light cloud. Showers may fall in the late afternoon, but they will not interfere with the voting. A full vote is being polled and indications from the heavy voting of the early morning is that over three-fourths of the vote were cast by noon. 2 to 1 on Jones.

Bets were placed here this morning at 2 to 1 that Judge Jones would beat Blease for Governor. Both sides express confidence of victory, but the Jones forces are the most hopeful. Each side is using every means to get out a full vote, and a large transfer company here has placed its automobiles at the service of the Jones voters and is hauling them to the polls in large numbers.

The Blease forces are centering their fight on Senator B. R. Tillman because of the endorsement of Judge Jones for Governor and are voting for his opponent former Congressman W. J. Talbert, Senator Tillman, however, is polling solidly the Jones vote and in addition to that many persons who have been his bitterest political enemies ever since he came into prominence point to Tillman's re-election. Guard Against Fraud.

Ample precaution to prevent any disorder and to guard against any attempt at fraud have been taken, and the State chairman, John Gary Evans, has offered a reward of \$100 for evidence to convict against any person violating the rules. Large placards displaying this offer were placed at all the voting precincts. Interest centers chiefly in the votes of Charleston, Richland and the big piedmont counties. In every place the Jones forces claim big majorities. Mayor Grace of Charleston has said that Jones will get 2 to 1 in Charleston over Blease.

Final Jones rallies were held in many places in the State last night, notably in Orangeburg, where a parade and speech-making took place, and in Columbia, where a crowded court house listened to arrangements of Governor Blease by laboring men. The polls close this afternoon at 4 o'clock and it will be well on to midnight before enough votes are in to give an indication of the result. The large number of contests in the differ-

ent counties will make the work of counting the ballots slow. At 2 o'clock the weather has cleared perceptibly and heavy balloting continues. The Jones forces are confident that their man will be elected Governor by a good majority and that Tillman will be re-elected to the Senate. No disorders have been reported so far from any section of the State.

40 TO 1 FOR JONES IN SPARTANBURG

Special to The Chronicle. SPARTANBURG, S. C., Aug. 27.—The city of Spartanburg is going strong for Judge Jones and in several of the precincts his majority will be about 40 to 1. In the factory districts, however, the vote will be much closer. On the vote of the farmers of this section of the State depends a great deal, and during the past few days hundreds have turned over to Judge Jones from Blease.

Business is practically at a standstill here while the balloting is in progress. It is predicted that Jones will carry Spartanburg county by a majority greater than that accorded Featherstone two years ago, when Blease was beaten by about 500 votes. Interest is intense. The Young Men's Jones Club has the best organization and have telephonic connection with each precinct and headquarters. Thus, if one attempted to vote twice, he would be promptly stopped. Some men were on several club rolls.

PRIMARY TIES UP CHESTER BUSINESS

CHESTER, S. C., Aug. 27.—Business is practically tied up by today's balloting for State and county offices. Many of the leading business men are out working for their candidate friends. The Governor's race is occupying the attention of the public to the utmost. At noon about 600 votes had been cast for the gubernatorial candidates. Jones and Blease supporters are working strenuously for their candidates. A strong Blease champion stated a little while ago that most of the votes cast were for the present Governor, while strong Jones men contend otherwise. No fights have occurred so far and the large number of extra policemen have kept the drinking down to a minimum. There are approximately 1,300 names on the Democratic club roll in this precinct. It is not known exactly how many votes will be cast. Some predict about 1,000. Hundreds of circulars containing Ben Tillman's letter, that was issued last Saturday endorsing Judge Jones, are being given wide currency. Judge Jones' admirers are leaving absolutely nothing undone in any effort to win. Two years ago the vote stood Blease 844, Featherstone 947 in Chester county, while Blease had a majority at this precinct of 44. It is now believed Blease will again carry the city box and likewise, many concede the county to him by 200 majority. Between eight and nine hundred votes have been cast here up to 2 o'clock.

FLINGS GAUNTLET AT MAYOR GRACE

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 27.—At noon more than 3,500 ballots had been cast in the Democratic primary election. Some feeling was provoked over the challenging of persons suspected of being ineligible. Jones and Blease workers profess confidence in the outcome. The Blease-Jones contest in the tidewater region is undoubtedly close. Distinctly local issues have enhanced Charlestonian's interest in the primary. Sheriff Martin today flung the gauntlet at Mayor Grace, offering to resign if charges be proven true, provided the sheriff bind himself should the sheriff be exonerated.

IMPOSSIBLE TO FORECAST RESULTS

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 27.—Clear skies and extraordinary interest conspire to make the poll at today's Democratic primary election very heavy. Owing to the probable closeness of several contests and to the probably large number of challenges at the precincts, the count will be very slow. The chief issues have been obscured by distinctly local controversies. It is impossible to forecast the result of the Blease-Jones contest in tidewater South Carolina, as the situation is chaotic.

WILL BE CLOSE IN ROCK HILL

ROCK HILL, S. C., Aug. 27.—At noon today 500 votes had been cast

MANY PROTESTS AGAINST LAW

A Howl Going Up As People Realize What New Postoffice Sunday Law Means

HOW THE PROVISION GOT IN THE BILL

Protests Are Not Unmixed With Biting Criticism for the Action—Sunday Papers and Their Readers and Business Houses and Their Traveling Representatives Largely Affected—The Cities and Towns of North Carolina Embraced by the Law—No Economy Effected.

As a realization of the full meaning of the new Sunday postoffice law has come over the people of Charlotte some vigorous protests are being heard, not unmixed with biting criticism for those who are responsible for the measure which puts an end, until the law can be repealed at the next session of Congress, to all Sunday delivery of mail, letters and newspapers, except that bearing special delivery stamps. The Chronicle has received expressions of protest not only from its readers in the towns where the Saturday paper is not delivered until Sunday morning, but also from individuals who have been accustomed to run through their Sunday mail for important personal or business letters, and from manufacturing and business concerns whose representatives have been accustomed to receive their instructions and expense money for the next week at their Sunday stopping places. The new law means the loss of half a day and frequently a day to all of these traveling men and their aggregate throughout the United States would reach many thousands.

Sunday Papers and Their Readers. The Sunday newspapers and their millions of readers will be among the principal sufferers. In the towns and cities, above third class postoffices, the papers will have to make private arrangements for the distribution of their papers where they have a sufficient list to warrant it, and the expense of this will be considerable to every paper. The reader will of course suffer considerable inconvenience also, and if he is a subscriber to a paper which has not a sufficient list in his town to warrant the expense of a private arrangement for distribution, there will be no recourse—he will simply have to do without.

In the small towns patrons of the postoffice will receive their mail as usual, the law applying only to the first and second class offices, those that are affected, in North Carolina are as follows: Asheville, Burlington Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Concord, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Greensboro, Greenville, Henderson, Hendersonville, Hickory, High Point, Lenoir, Kinston, Lexington, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Monroe, Morganton, Mount Airy, Newbern, Oxford, Raleigh, Reidsville, Rockingham, Rocky Mount, Salisbury, Sanford, Shelby, Statesville, Tarboro, Thomasville, Washington, Waynesville, Wilmington, Wilson, Winston-Salem.

No Economy Effected. Information from the local postoffice is to the effect that no economy will be effected, certainly not in the Charlotte office, by the new law. The clerks work 48 hours a week and are not required under any circumstances to work more than that. The distribution of Sunday mail is usually made by four or five of the 21 clerks, who take turn about and from whose aggregate working hours during the coming week the Sunday time is deducted to bring their total working hours within the 48 hours. An aggregate of about 24 hours' work is required Sunday for the distribution of the mail, the four or five clerks finishing it in from five to six hours. There has been no kick on the part of the clerks, who are well paid, get 15 days vacation a year and do not feel that they have been imposed upon when they have been called upon about once a month to work a few hours on Sunday and have that time deducted from their total for the week.

The Law and Instructions. The letter of instructions issued to postmasters in the offices affected by the new law and containing that law, as received at the Charlotte office, is as follows: "The postoffice appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, provides: "That hereafter postoffices of the first and second classes shall not be open on Sundays for the purpose of delivering mail to the general public, but this provision shall not pre-

SEARCHING FOR OUTLAWS, HE IS ARRESTED FOR MURDER. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 27.—On the trail of Wesley Edwards and Sidna Allen, wanted in connection with the Hillsville, Va., court tragedy, and with a capias for their arrest in his pocket, Mike Duncan, a detective and former resident of Nolan, is in jail here. Seven years ago Everett Thompson was shot and killed at Nolan. Last night as Duncan passed along the street here, he was recognized by Floyd Thompson, an uncle of the dead man, and his arrest followed. Duncan says he fired in self-defense.

EMPEROR CAN'T ATTEND SWISS ARMY MANEUVERS.

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 27.—The German Emperor probably will not be able to attend the Swiss army maneuvers in September, owing to his illness, according to an official communication made through the German legation to the Swiss Federal council. The Emperor was taken ill with cold and muscular rheumatism at Castle Wilhelmshoe, near Cassel, on Friday last.

THOUSAND FISH ELECTROCUTED.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Aug. 27.—More than a thousand fish were electrocuted yesterday when lightning struck a tree that stood in a pond near here.

BECKER WILL ASK CHANGE OF VENUE

Will Claim He Cannot Get Fair Trial Because Of Public Sentiment

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Members of the extraordinary grand jury, that has been summoned to inquire into police blackmail, will be investigated as to their real estate holdings, by District Attorney Whitman, who has discovered that one of the grand jury panel of 59 business men is part owner of a hotel used for disorderly purposes. The State's attorney insists that the extraordinary grand jury shall not have even a remote connection with the police graft system, and if necessary, he will challenge the prospective grand jurors in open court. The news that Police Commissioner Waldo would publish a list of owners of gambling and disorderly houses has caused a panic among the owners, who have deluged the police commissioner with frantic appeals not to make their names public. In many instances the owners make the protest on the ground that they did not know that their property had been let to undesirable.

FIGHT AGAINST NEGRO MEMBERS

American Bar Association May Oust Men Elected In Ignorance Of Their Race

WICKERSHAM OPPOSES UNSEATING OF BLACKS

Executive Committee Declares That William H. Lewis, Assistant to the Attorney General, and Two Other Negro Lawyers Were Seated by Committee in Ignorance of Their Race, and Therefore Rescinds Its Action and Asks Entire Association to Vote on Question—Special Report Against Recall of Judges.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Aug. 27.—Whether negro lawyers hereafter are to be admitted as members was one of the subjects before the American Bar Association, which opened its thirty-fifth annual meeting here today. The question arose in a special session of the executive committee declaring that "although it had been the settled practice of the association to elect only white men as members," three negro members, including William H. Lewis, an assistant to the United States Attorney General, had been seated by the committee in ignorance of their race. The committee therefore rescinded its action, and, allowing the men to remain qualified as nominees for membership, asked the entire association to vote on the question.

Wickersham for Negroes. Attorney General George Wickersham announced he would make a strenuous fight against an attempt to unseat Lewis and the other negro lawyers and declared the committee had no power, after once seating the men, to take away their memberships because of race distinction. Mr. Wickersham said he was not here to advocate the admission of negro lawyers generally, as that question was not involved. Many Southern members, including Ernest T. Florence and Edgar H. Farrar of New Orleans and George Whitlock and John Hinkley of Baltimore, declared their support of the committee's action was based entirely on a desire not to set a precedent for the admission of negro lawyers generally, as prior to 1911, when Butler R. Wilson, Boston, and William R. Morris, Minneapolis, the other negro members whose seats are contested by the committee, were admitted, the membership was composed of white lawyers only.

Opposition to the recall of judges and to any legislation which will affect the present tenure of judges is expressed in a special report which has been prepared for presentation to the association. Frank B. Kellogg of St. Paul, chairman of the committee which prepared the report, said investigation showed "almost every reputable attorney in the country was opposed to the recall of judges." Seneca M. Tyler, St. Louis, brought from the National Assembly of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws a model bill to be offered for adoption by various State Legislatures which will prohibit the marriage in other States of divorced persons who have been prohibited from marrying in any one State.

COMPLIMENTARY LETTERS TO DELAWARE OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Complimentary letters have been sent by the Navy Department to nine officers of the battleship Delaware, who are credited with being chiefly responsible for the winning of the battle efficiency pennant by their vessel this year. The officers whose names were furnished by Captain Hood of the Delaware, at President Taft's request, are: Commanders W. W. Phelps and H. B. Price; Lieutenant Commanders W. R. Cherardi and C. C. Bloch; Lieutenants A. M. Cohen and G. M. Courts; Ensign F. A. Braisted; Gunner R. O. Williams and Chief Machinist F. J. M. Pardu.

WELLS WANTS RETURN BOUT WITH PALZER, WHITE HOPE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Bombardier Wells, English heavyweight champion, will sail for this country about October 1. He is anxious to meet Al Palzer in a return match and also hopes for bouts with most of the other white hopes. Wells has been taking on weight and now tips the scales at 204 pounds.

GOVERNOR WILSON ON HIS WEEKLY TRIP TO CAPITOL

SEA GIRT, N. J., Aug. 27.—Gov. Woodrow Wilson left his summer home here this morning for his usual Tuesday trip to the State Capitol at Trenton.

PRESIDENT TAFT MOTORS FROM BOSTON TO BEVERLY.

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—President Taft arrived in Boston shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. An automobile was waiting at the station and he left at once for his summer home at Beverly.

ARRIVAL AT BEVERLY.

BEVERLY, Mass., Aug. 27.—President Taft arrived here by automobile from Boston at 8:25 a. m., today. He lost no time in preparing for his first recreation of his belated vacation and was soon off for the golf links at the Myopia Hunt Club.

SANDERS NOT A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION AS SENATOR

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 27.—United States Senator Newell Sanders, who obtained his place recently by appointment, announced last night he would not be a candidate for re-election. He said he would devote his time this fall to the candidacies of Governor Hooper and President Taft.

TO MATCH GIBBONS WITH THE BRITISH CHAMPION.

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Negotiations are under way here for a match between Jack Harrison, British-middleweight champion, and Mike Gibbons of St. Paul. It is proposed to hold the bout in Madison Square Garden some time next month.

MANN ATTACKS WORK OF DEMOCRATIC HOUSE.

Says Majority Has Been Inefficient, Disorganized, Unprogressive And Inactive

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Inefficient, disorganized, unprogressive and inactive, was the description applied by Republican Leader James R. Mann to the work of the Democratic House of Congress, just adjourned. In a statement issued today, reviewing the work of the House, Mr. Mann characterized some of the Democratic majority's work as "stingy and silly" and other of its acts as "pure extravagance." "The boasts about economy in the House of Representatives went by the board," declared the minority leader. "The main work in the House of the Democratic party has been a constant boasting of what they were going to do at the next session. Forecast Proves Correct? "I said last December that this session of Congress would last longer and do less than any other regular session of recent years. My forecast proved correct. This session of Congress has enacted laws fewer in number and of less importance than any session for a long time. The laws we have passed are, in the main, of little importance, and generally local in character. The Panama bill is one of the greatest importance and in the main that was a bill prepared by me in a prior Congress. "The claimed reformation of the rules has proven a farce. That the House has been inefficient is shown by the fact that over 200 Senate bills, which passed the Senate, remain unpassed in the House. Entitled to No Credit. "It is a constant boast that the Democrats at this session passed a law providing for publicity of campaign contributions. Such is not the fact. They only passed an amendment to the law which had previously been passed by a Republican House, and the principal part is one relating to primary campaign expenses and that was considered by the Republicans of the House against the protest of the Democratic side of the House. Somewhat similar is the bill relating to eight-hour labor, which is only an amendment of a previous law and only made a slight change in the provisions of the original act. "Practically all of the laws of any importance passed at this session were either bills prepared in a previous Congress and left over for lack of time to consider or else they were bills prepared by officials in President Taft's administration. Extravagant and Stingy. Mr. Mann referred to the public health laws, the homestead laws, the bill creating a children's bureau and others as being within that classification. "The Democrats were forced to agree to a parcels post, which only a short-time ago they insisted they would not agree to. They are entitled to no credit for it. Outside of money expended for the Panama canal, which cannot be considered as ordinary expenses, the appropriations for this session of Congress exceed those for the last Republican session. Not only is this so, but the Democrats have appropriated money in many places where it was pure extravagance and where the money was not needed and have refused to make appropriations where they are absolutely essential for the conduct of good government."

TODAY'S NEWS OF CHARLOTTE

Happenings Of The City Sketched In Brief As Seen By The Chronicle Reporters

THINGS INTERESTING TO ALL PEOPLE IN THE CITY

—Probable showers tonight followed by unsettled weather tonight and tomorrow are the forecasts of the weather man. —Four bales of cotton were sold on the local market today at the best price of 12.50 cents. The receipts last week were two bales at 11.50 cents a pound. —The testing out of the new water system to the Catawba river is progressing with great satisfaction and the job is understood to be proving out one of the most thorough and best that the city could have expected. —The police department is in possession of a small dog, double-case lady's watch which they will gladly turn over to the rightful owner. The watch can easily be identified by the real owner. —Miss Adelaide P. Caldwell has presented the Sunday school of the Knox Presbyterian church 30 books as a foundation for the library. The gift was unexpected, but was appreciated by the attendees of the school. It is thought that other contributions will come to the library founded upon Miss Caldwell's gift. —The Virginia Dare barbecue to be given to Charlotteans who are natives of eastern North Carolina, will be held Thursday. It will be given to the rear of Mr. R. M. Person's home on the Salisbury road. At least 150 are expected to participate, as every easterner is allowed to bring a friend. —The interior marble work of the Commercial National bank building is at present being installed. Work on the building which has been going on for 16 months is rapidly nearing completion. It will not be many weeks before the Commercial National bank expects to move into its quarters there. —Mr. John M. Wilson yesterday began his 10 days' vacation according to the resolution adopted by the board granting this vacation to the city tax collector and the city treasurer. Mr. A. H. Wearn will leave on his vacation as soon as Mr. Wilson returns. In the meantime the city clerk is in charge of both offices. —The Dixie theater, the moving picture show for colored people, has been closed for the past few days for the purpose of repairs. The fact that Lakewood is running for the negroes at this time keeps the streets destitute of them except while they are waiting for cars. The crowds of negroes that fill the cars to the Lakewood every night show signs of growing smaller. —Belmont Park Methodist church will picnic at Electric park Thursday of this week. Two cars have been engaged to convey the school and friends, and they will leave the front of the church in Belmont at 9:30 a. m. The parents of the children and their friends are cordially invited to accompany the school and enjoy the day. After the picnic there will be a trolley ride over the city. —The fourth in the series of bicycle rides being taken by the bicycle club of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association will take place tomorrow and will be either to the Davidson place or to Roswell's ferry. The start will be made from the building at 9 o'clock and a cordial invitation is extended to all boys of the city to go with the club for the outing. Every boy is requested to take along ten cents to help pay for his share of a watermelon feast. —Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, who has spent the summer here with his family, will leave Thursday for Deer Creek, Pa., to begin his fall evangelistic work. Dr. Orr has been devoting his entire time to this work for the past several years. He will spend the time between now and Christmas conducting meetings in Pennsylvania, New York, Illinois and Indiana. During his vacation period which he spent at his home he conducted successful meetings at Spartanburg and Bessemer City.

HEAD OF TITANIC FIRM PROFITS BY EXPERIENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 27.—It is stated in advices received by shipping men here that Lord Pierrie, head of the English firm which built the Titanic, has been so impressed by the disaster to that vessel he has decided to reconstruct his own yacht Valiant on lines suggested by the foundering of the White Star vessel. Meanwhile he will not allow the Valiant to be used. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INTO MEXICAN REVOLUTION WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—Senator Fell today left for El Paso, Tex., to begin on behalf of the Senate committee, appointed to investigate whether American interests had been fomenting revolutions in Mexico or Cuba, a preliminary investigation there into the Mexican revolution.

Berna Out of Athletics.

ITHACA, N. Y., Aug. 27.—It is announced here that Tel Berna, the Cornell distance runner, who has just returned from the Olympic games is through with competitive track athletics. He has decided to go into business and declares he cannot allow himself to keep up his athletic training in top form.