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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

THE L. AND C. RIVER BRIDGE

The erection of a railroad bridge over Catawba river between Fort Lawn and Lancaster, on the Lancaster and Chester Railroad, is a matter which is of no small concern to the citizens of the city of Chester and especially those living in the Eastern section of the county.

Elsewhere in this issue appears an article in which a letter written to the South Carolina Railroad Commission by Col. Leroy Springs, President of the railroad, is printed in full.

Col. Springs says: "To be perfectly frank with you it has been a serious matter as to whether I would rebuild the bridge at all and as to whether I would not give up the road." From this one would judge that the road is on the market for a sale and if so, Chester people should be interested in the sale because thousands of dollars have been invested in this railroad by the taxpayers of Chester County.

By an act of the General Assembly of South Carolina, approved March 17th, 1914, the County Board of Commissioners of Chester county was authorized to sell coupon bonds for the amount of \$750,000 bearing six per cent interest, for the purpose of paying the County's subscription to the capital stock of the Chester and Chester Railroad. This stock has never yielded Chester any dividend and is worthless. An act was approved February 18th, 1904 for the purpose of selling bonds to take up the ones issued in 1875, and this last issue is now running.

The first issue of bonds were for thirty years, at six per cent interest, and Chester county taxpayers paid out \$135,000.00 in interest charges on this issue. The last issue of bonds were dated at a 4 1/2 per cent interest, and the taxpayers have paid approximately \$40,000.00 interest on the last issue. At the present about \$130,000.00 is in the sinking fund to apply to this last issue. As a matter of fact the taxpayers of Chester county are interested in this matter to the extent of something like \$200,000.00 and the end has not yet been reached. For this reason, if for no other, we say Chester county should be especially interested in the operation of the Lancaster & Chester Railway.

We have no "crow" to pick with the management of the Lancaster and Chester Railway but when it is stated by them that they get little or no business of the town of Chester we would respectfully call their attention to the fact that Chester is now paying \$3,375.00 interest annually on this property and we believe it should be considered as a matter of no small importance.

Since apparently the road is for sale, we think it an opportune time for the citizens of this county to endeavor to get the "Piedmont" and Northern Railroad, which is controlled by the Duke's, interested in the proposition with a view of obtaining same by electricity, an unlimited supply of which is now available in this county. And, no doubt, if Col. Springs and associates are desiring to sell the property they would gladly make an agreement to continue shipping Lancaster freight over this line, which can be done without any delay whatever.

With approximately \$200,000.00 already invested in the railroad by taxpayers of Chester county, they certainly cannot afford to see the property go to "rack".

An excellent opportunity has been presented itself to the Chester Chamber of Commerce to do a "real big" thing for the citizens of Chester and Chester county and it is to be hoped the Chamber will back itself in this matter.

LIVING TOO HIGH.

A public speaker recently said: "The tone of living in America is altogether too high." It is true, however, will convince one that he has hit the mark. Middle-class people are too apt to live up to their incomes, if not beyond them. They are living a degree of "style" which is most unbecomingly in the effort upon society at large. There is an ambition to bring up boys as "gentlemen" and the result frequently is to make them into gentlemen. They acquire a taste for dress, style, luxuries and amusements, which can be supplied only by the Chamber for many or more generations. The result is a generation of men who are not only gentlemen but who are also gentlemen.

picked up at sea, with only a monkey on board.

There is a dreadful ambition abroad for being "genteel." We keep up appearances, too often at the expense of honesty and though we may not be rich, yet we must seem to be so.

We must be "respectable" though in the meanest sense of the word. We have not courage to go patiently onward in the condition of life in which we have pleased God to call us, but must live in some fashionable state to which we ridiculously please to call ourselves, and to gratify the vanity of our unsatisfactory standard of life.

There is a constant struggle and pressure for front seats in the social amphitheater; in the midst of which all the underlying realities are trampled down, and many fine natures are inevitably crushed to death.

What waste, what misery, what bankruptcy, come from all this ambition to dazzle others with the glare of apparent worldly success.

The miserables who themselves in a thousand ways—in the rank frauds committed by men who dare to be dishonest, but do not dare to seem poor.

THE GERMAN DRINK.

There are number of people in South Carolina who favor "bone dry" prohibition; some favor the "all-around" and others favor the "selective" use of wine and beer, eliminating whiskey.

The German people are known as beer drinkers. They serve beer at least three times a day. The children in Germany drink beer before they can even talk.

A reporter for The News was in Germany when he attended a school and when asked about the prohibition of that country stated that best was as free in the United States and would not remember of ever seeing a drunk German during his stay in that country. A glass of beer in Germany can be bought, he said, for a dozen bottles for the sum of eighteen cents per dozen. How about whiskey in Germany, asked the reporter. "You can get all the whiskey you want there but so rarely think of drinking whiskey. The whole business is handled by the government and I said before a penny but when you call for a drink of whiskey you have to pay fifty or twenty cents for it, consequently very few prefer the beer and there is all the difference in the world between German beer and American beer. This American beer, however, is not less than one year old when it is sold to the consumer and is just as clear as a glass of crystal."

"What is your idea of National prohibition," asked the reporter. "No doubt that would be the best thing for any country but I do not believe the majority of the people of the United States are in favor of a National prohibition law and to my mind the best thing for the prohibitionists is to eliminate the sale of whiskey and allow any one to sell beer or light wines. Cut out all the laws as to quantity on the one hand and pass drastic laws as to the quality and as soon the 'old sots' of the present day die I'll bet you won't see a drunk man once in a year."

COTTON AS CONTRABAND

If there is anything under the sun and in international trade which apparently possesses a peaceful and non-contraband character, it is cotton. The nations up to the time of this war have commonly treated it as non-contraband. Russia in the Japanese War proclaimed it contraband against the protest of Great Britain whose market for India cotton would be affected, but the Declaration of London four years later, or in 1909 refused to classify cotton even as conditional contraband.

The statement now comes from the Census Bureau that no less than 898,000 five hundred pound bales of cotton have been consumed during the past calendar year by American manufacturers. This constitutes a very considerable fraction of the total American production of 15,000,000 bales, which in turn makes up the great bulk of the world's production. If so large a proportion is consumed here in the making of explosives for home and foreign use, what must be the proportion now consumed, say, by Great Britain and France, which are only to a limited extent dependent on the American supply of explosives?

Cotton fibre evidently enters into the manufacture of high-power modern explosives to a degree hardly realized by the public. It is so true that it is possible that, in the march of invention for the most destructive warfare, the next great council of the nations on international law and the immunity of private property at sea will be forced materially to reduce immunity by making cotton absolute contraband.—N. Y. World.

GERMANY HOLDS MORE AMERICANS

Questions Treatment of Those on War Bound Ships and Maximum Held Americans.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Formal ne-

gation of the retention in Germany of the 72 American sailors brought in on prisoners on the prize ship Yarrowdale was given to the state department today by Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister here, acting for the German government, together with an inquiry as to the status of the crews of the German war ships in American harbors.

This development, wholly unexpected, was made to the American government. Officials here had come to the conclusion that the early reports which misled the German government as to the treatment of German ships would be seized now in the event of war and full information about the fair attitude of the government towards the German sailors, officials are wholly at a loss to know what kind of report could so suddenly changed Germany's attitude.

A query was at once cable to the governor of Hawaii, the only section where German ships are war bound. There is not the least thought that any variation will be found there in the uniformly courteous treatment accorded German vessels but officials want a detailed account of the status of the two war vessels and the eight merchantmen there in order to be sent a final report showing the conditions in all American harbors. Since a report has already been received from the Philippines and included in a blanket statement previously sent the Yarrowdale incident is regarded as a purely local matter and no urgent protest against their imprisonment will be made at once.

A preliminary demand for the release of these prisoners was about the last instructions sent to Ambassador Gerard. Though the boat came out December 31, its arrival was not reported for military reasons until January 12. After reports that there were Americans on board three direct inquiries were made culminating in a list of 64 American sailors, 31 of whom were in Westfalen, made public by the state department only a few hours before President Wilson announced the severance of relations with Germany to congress.

Immediately the announcement of a protest against their imprisonment and demand for their release was given at the state department. The next day came word of their release and it was supposed until today that they would go out of Germany with the other Americans.

The eccentric looking individual who had just gone out of the store stared directly and began looking at the counter and under it. Finally the clerk noticed him. "What have you lost?" he asked.

"A parcel of poems," the man answered, "but they're a ham sandwich wrapped up in it."

FERROL

MANAGERS OF SPECIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that the following managers and clerks of election and voting places have been selected by the Chester County Democratic Executive Committee for the primary election to be held Friday, February 16, 1917, and their names are being published in accordance with the rules of the Democratic Party.

The polls will open at eight o'clock A. M. and close at four P. M.

Managers will designate one of their number to call at the office of P. L. Loughlin, Esq., for the roll of voters, names and tickets, the same to be ready for delivery as soon as tickets are received from Columbia. The following officers will be voted for:

Congressman, unexpired term: Congressman, full term.

Chester, Ward 1—J. D. Hoopagah, F. P. Kirkpatrick, C. R. Edwards, John L. Miller, Clerk. Vote at Court house.

Chester, Ward 2—F. L. Whitlock, W. R. Ross, Jr., Alex. Erby, J. C. Leckie, Clerk. Vote at E. W. Page's store.

Chester, Ward 3—Joe Frager, A. W. Deane, James W. A. Settlemeyer, Clerk. Vote at City Hall.

Chester, Ward 4—Andrew Peden, J. A. Nichols, R. W. Wade, Thomas J. Miller, Clerk. Vote at the new Douglas building.

Baton Rouge—Robert Wilks, W. H. Lippford, E. H. Wines, J. Clarence Corbett, Clerk. Vote at school house.

Blackstock—J. C. Shannon, P. E. Lathan, Alex. Macdonald, H. A. Holdrege, Clerk. Vote at Post Office.

Carter's—C. M. Atkinson, J. E. Wallace, J. Foster Carter, B. O. Robinson, Clerk.

Colvin's Spring—J. M. Grant, S. T. Gamble, J. C. Lewis, Ross Durham, Clerk. Vote at A. R. Durham's store.

Cornwall—W. T. Cassels, E. J. Lewis, J. A. B. Boyd, James A. McKeown, Clerk. Vote at Strong & McKeown's store.

Edgemoor—W. H. Hamilton, John Fudgo, J. D. Glass, C. E. Murphy, Clerk. Vote at W. C. Nunne's store.

Fort Lawn—John E. Jordan, S. E. Kilian, Henry Hyatt, Ed. Harris, Clerk. Vote at T. L. McFadden's store.

Great Falls—W. T. Jackson, J. S. Hogan, T. P. Jones, D. B. Lompham, Clerk. Vote at Keister's store.

Hallsville—Richard Wilkes, N. H. Stune, J. L. Smith, S. L. Stone, Clerk. Vote at N. H. Stone's store.

Hazlewood—Ernest Bigham, Hugh Miller, W. A. Wainwright, R. E. McFadden, Clerk. Vote at W. A. Glendon's store.

Land—R. H. Westbrook, J. A. Sanders, E. L. Koe, G. B. Heath, Clerk. Vote at G. B. Heath's upper store.

Landford—J. T. McFadden, S. E. Cornwell, R. D. Stevenson, E. N. Kilian, Clerk. Vote at R. H. Fudgo's store.

Leeds—T. M. Traylor, John A. Stevenson, J. Worthy, W. W. Crosby, Clerk. Vote at W. W. Crosby's store.

Lowville—J. S. Darby, Jr., J. B. Presley, S. W. Guy, J. W. Lowry, Clerk. Vote at Sandifer's store.

Richburg—T. H. Melton, Jr., R. L. Hicklin, John S. Neely, J. B. Brennan, Clerk. Vote at Brennan & Miller's store.

Rainey—Wardlaw Keen, George A. Gill, L. W. Henry, A. B. Fennell, Clerk. Vote at L. W. Henry's store.

Rosely—J. C. G. Caldwell, W. E. E. L. Williams, J. M. B. Ragsdale, Clerk. Vote at B. A. Ragsdale's store.

White's Store—A. S. Presley, Ed. B. Lippford, F. H. Doidge, G. Grant, Clerk. Vote at A. S. Presley's store.

Wilksburg—W. E. T. Wade, T. B. Wilkes, C. F. Wade, T. E. Estes, Clerk. Vote at C. F. Wade's store.

Wylie's Mill—A. D. Pittman, L. L. Culp, J. G. Rankin, F. A. Nunne, Clerk. Vote at R. H. Ferguson's store.

By order of State Executive Committee.

JAS. H. GLENN,

County Chairman.

Chester, S. C., Feb. 9, 1917.

THE HELL-BOUND TRAIN—A DREAM.

Tom Gray lay down on the bar room floor. Having drunk so much he could drink no more.

And fell asleep with a troubled brain, To dream that he rode on the hell-bound train.

The engine with blood was red and damp And brilliantly lit by a brimstone lamp.

An imp, for fuel, was shoveling bones, As the furnace roared with a thousand groans.

The boiler was filled with lager beer, And the devil himself was the engineer.

The passengers made such a molten crew, Church member, Atheist, Gentle and Jew.

Rich men in broadcloth and beggars in rags, Handsome young ladies and withered old bags.

Yellow and black men, red and white, Chained together, a horrible sight.

Farther and farther the engine flew, Wilder and wilder the country grew.

Louder and louder the thunder crashed, Brighter and brighter the lightning flashed.

Hotter and hotter the air became, Till the clothes were burned from each quivering frame.

And in the clatter they heard such a yell, "Ho, ho," cracked the devil, "we're nearing hell!"

And oh, how the passengers shrieked with pain, And begged the devil to stop the train.

But he capered about and danced with glee, And laughed and joked at their agony.

"My faithful friends, you have done me well, And the devil can never a pay day shirk."

They have bullied the weak and robbed poor, And the hungry brother have turned from your door.

And you have gathered up gold where the canker rusts, And given free want to your hellish lusts.

You've drank and riot and murdered and lied, And mocked at God in your hellborn pride.

You've paid full fare so I'll carry you through, For it is only right that you get your due.

For every laborer is worth his hire, So I'll land you safe in my lake of fire.

Where my fiery mills will torment you forever, And all in vain you will sigh for a savior.

Then you awoke with an awful cry, His clothes soaked wet and his hair standing high.

At E. E. CLOUD'S

Constantly arriving new and pretty things for Spring. See our new Pumps and Oxfords for Men, Women and Children.

JUST ARRIVED
New and complete line of E. E. Cloud's shoes for ladies. They come in all the new and wanted styles for those who want what's right in style; and a big line of styles for women who want something dainty without getting the extreme. Also style in dull kid and velveteen for comfort. Come with low heels and wide widths. Come in and see them. We will be glad to show you.

W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES
We are now prepared with our full Spring line of W. L. Douglas Oxfords. Come in all the leathers—tan, gun metal, black and patent; lace and button, at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, and \$4.00. The best fitting and best wearing shoes to be found in Chester. Be sure to see them.

HIGH BOOTS FOR LADIES.
For early spring wear high boots are very stylish. We have them in black, brown, grey and black, combination in black and white, grey and black, and champagne and black at \$4.98 to \$6.50.

NEW WAISTS.
Beautiful line of heavy crepe de chine waists in all the new styles and colors. Be sure to see them \$2.25 to \$5.00.

NEW SKIRTS.
Full line of the "Queen" skirts, embracing the new fabrics and styles. Taffeta, silk, silk striped, poplin, wool serge and black. Also skirts in extra sizes for stout women. "Queen" skirts are recognized by good dressers to be the best in style, workmanship and fit. All prices, from \$3.50 to \$10.00. Very special prices on men's hats. We are going out of the men's hat business, and what we have will be sold very cheap.

E. E. CLOUD

—turn over your profits more often, cut down the insurance on each article handled by you, cut the cost of clerkship by letting more stock go thru their hands—would that help your business any, would you, if you could—

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All this, and more, can be and is being done in Chester, "On The Hill" and "In The Valley" by advertising in THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS. We are prepared to furnish you with all the commercial printing necessary in the keeping of such a program. We will be pleased to serve you.

LOWRANCE BROS.
153 Gadsden Street.
Phones 292 Residence 136 and 356
Undertakers and Licensed Embalmers.

Meritol
Rheumatism Powders
are guaranteed to give relief from rheumatism. They are specially large tablets. Sold only by W. L. Darby and \$1.00.

THE BIG STORE

New Arrivals

IN OUR READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT

New Spring Coat Suits,
New Spring Coats, New Spring Dresses,
New Spring Waists and New Spring Skirts
All right new from the most
fashionable designers.
Call and see them.

The S. M. Jones Company

LOCAL and PERSONAL

Cotton 15c

Cotton Seed 75c.

Mr. Jack Nichols of Rock Hill spent the weekend in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Nichols.

Miss Rose Burgess left Monday morning for her home in Hagerstown, Md. after visiting relatives here.

HAVE YOU SEEN the beautiful New Spring Silk Dresses they are showing at, The S. M. Jones Co.

Mrs. R. E. Sims left Friday for Newberry to visit Mrs. Lucille Wilson.

MOTHERS, buy your children's school dresses now at, The S. M. Jones Co.

Miss Chick Marshall will leave tomorrow evening for the Northern markets to purchase Spring millinery.

Miss Annie Hardin returned Friday from Charlotte, where she spent several weeks.

CALL AND SEE the beautiful Spring Coat Suits they are showing at, The S. M. Jones Co.

Miss Antoinette Massey, is very ill with pneumonia at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sp. Massey, at Catawba.

AUCTION sale of the Quilt House home on Wylie St. Wednesday Feb. 21 at 3:30 P. M. on the grounds. Nine room house. Well located for boarding house. Sold by Sims & Carter, and R. R. Haffner.

Mrs. J. D. Funderburk, of Lancaster, spent Friday in Chester visiting her husband, Dr. Funderburk, who is a patient at the Pryor Hospital.

The Chamaine Music Club will have a special meeting Saturday afternoon at four o'clock with Miss Bernice Berry, at the residence of Mrs. H. E. McConnell, on Church street.

THEY ARE SHOWING a nice assortment of New Spring Coats at The S. M. Jones Co.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Conley returned to their home in the Armenia section Friday night from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. C. B. Lantinger.

BUY THE BEST SHINGLE
the market affords if you want the worth of your money. Cheap grades mean early repairs, and frequent repairs cost heavily in the long run.

COME AND SEE US
when you are ready to buy shingles. We have them bought right and will sell them right.

SATISFACTION IN PRICE AND QUALITY GUARANTEED TO ALL BUYERS.

Chester Machine & Lumber Co.

"THE YARD OF QUALITY" South Carolina.

THE CANDIDATES HERE TODAY.

The five candidates for Congress for the Fifth District and also the three candidates to fill the unexpired term of the late D. E. Finley, spoke in the Court House here this morning to the largest crowd which has ever attended the campaign meetings. The Court House was crowded to capacity many being unable to get seats.

Attorney, R. L. Douglas acted as chairman of the meeting and after opening remarks introduced Mr. John W. Hamel, of Kershaw, as the first speaker for the unexpired term.

Mr. Hamel stressed the importance of the candidate who is to be elected to serve the short-term stating that he was the first man to file his pledge for the office having entered the race 24 hours before any other. He outlined his public career as a citizen of the State and outlined his record as the office of public works.

The next speaker to be introduced was Mr. I. C. Hough, of Camden, Clerk of Court of Kershaw county. Mr. Hough discussed several national issues such as government highway aid to those who assist the boll weevil fight by the government; and immigration saying that he believed certain restrictions should be placed around the class of immigrants to be admitted to this country. Mr. Hough also mentioned his public office holding in his home county.

The last speaker for the unexpired term was Mr. Paul G. McCorkle, of Rock Hill. He needed no introduction to a Chester audience since he is known by practically every man, woman and child in Chester county. Mr. McCorkle commended his opponents were highly but in a joking way stated that when he was elected in this race they too, would be unable to see, further saying, but the gentlemen in their own home towns. He stated that his friends had accused him of running like a "sneaky rabbit" before he even knew he was a candidate. "I am a democrat, and always will be," said Mr. McCorkle. "And I can cast a democratic ballot as good as any one." He was loudly applauded and gave the recap of his speech, which was pinned in the lapel of his coat by one of the young ladies present.

ROCK HILL PHYSICIAN DIES.

Rock Hill, Feb. 12.—Dr. J. E. Hale died Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock at the residence on East Main street. Dr. Hale attended to his practice during Saturday and came home stricken and gradually grew worse until the end came.

Dr. Hale was a native of Kershaw county, having been born there, 57 years ago. After graduation he practiced there for about 18 years, removing to Rock Hill some 12 years ago. During his residence in this city he built up a large practice and won many friends. About three months ago Dr. Hale was stricken and for several days was in a critical condition. He rallied and was able to resume the duties of his profession. All but close friends thought he had been recovered from his recent attack.

The funeral was held from the late residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services being conducted by the Rev. F. W. Greig, his pastor. The interment was in Laurelwood cemetery with Masonic honors. The physicians of the city acted as honorary pallbearers.

DREAMLAND TODAY.

A small prospector's pick used by Ward in the Jesse L. Lasky production "Betty to the Rescue" which will be the Paramount picture at the Dreamland today was the services being conducted by the Rev. F. W. Greig, his pastor. The interment was in Laurelwood cemetery with Masonic honors. The physicians of the city acted as honorary pallbearers.

LIST OF CANDIDATES.

For Congress:
A. C. Gaston.
J. L. Glenn.
W. F. Stevenson.
T. B. Butler.
Claude N. Sapp.
For Unexpired Term:
Paul G. McCorkle.
John W. Hamel.
J. C. Hough.

NOTICE OF SALE.

At 11 o'clock, Wednesday morning, February 14th, 1917, we will sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the late residence of L. Taylor Grant deceased, the personal property of said deceased, consisting of, among other things, 2 mules, 1 pony, 2 two-horse wagon, 2 gas engine, 1 iron safe, corn, fodder, and farming tools.

WALTER SIMPSON,
WM. C. HARDIN,
LEILA G. HARDIN,
Executors.

THINKS OF GIVING UP RAILROAD

Some few days ago The "News" wrote the South Carolina Railroad Commission as to the re-building of the Lancaster and Chester Railway bridge over Catawba river between Fort Lawn and Lancaster and is in receipt of the following from Mr. W. W. Pegram, President of L. & C. Ry., Feb. 9th, 1917.

Dear Sir:— I herewith enclose you copy of letter received under date of December 9th, from the South Carolina Railroad Commission as to the re-building of the Lancaster and Chester Railway bridge over Catawba river between Fort Lawn and Lancaster and is in receipt of the following from Mr. W. W. Pegram, President of L. & C. Ry., Feb. 9th, 1917.

The Commission has felt it was to deal in a conservative manner with the bridge which have suffered tremendous loss by the recent flood, believing that in so doing we are serving the best interests of the people of this State. You may rest assured, however, that the Commission is not unmindful of the urgent necessity for the reconstruction of this bridge and the re-establishment of the proper schedules, and will give the matter its close attention.

Very truly yours,
JOHN G. RICHARDS,
Chairman.
Lancaster & Chester Ry. Co.,
Lancaster, S. C., Dec. 9th, 1916.
Mr. C. M. B. Haffner, Chairman,
The Railroad Commission of S. C.,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of the 2nd was received in my absence. I regret I can give you no positive information when we can commence the erection of the bridge which will cross the Catawba River. Taking into consideration the price of steel and material of all kinds, it is a very expensive proposition at this time and besides we have been unable to get any bridge company to make a proposition that I could consider.

To be perfectly frank with you, I have been a serious matter as to whether I would rebuild the bridge at all and as to whether I would give up the road. We get little or no business out of the town of Chester and our business out of Lancaster is all the business, that the road can lend upon, the towns being very small at the two small stations, Richburg and Fort Lawn.

However, I am still at work on the matter and I feel that I can give you some definite information. I am very truly yours,
Leroy Springs, President.

FOR CONGRESS.

At the subscription of friends I announce myself a candidate for the unexpired term of the late Congressman D. E. Finley, and pledge myself by the result of the Democratic primary.

PAUL G. MCCORKLE.

Dreamland Theatre

To-day
FANNIE WARD
IN
"BETTY TO THE RESCUE"

A thrilling story of the California Mines.

Wednesday
CHARLES RICHMAN AND
DOROTHY KELLY
IN
"THE SECRET KINGDOM"

Episode No. 4
Also
J. WARREN KERRIGAN

"THE SILENT BATTLE"

It's a BLUEBIRD

Thursday
FRANCES NELSON AND
ARTHUR ASHLEY
IN
"THE REVOLT"

A world play in 5 acts.

Should Be Chased Out Of County.

Just outside of the city limits a "revolving dance hall" is being operated and from information obtainable it seems that admission is free but one is charged the sum of fifteen cents to engage in the dances. The show has four or five women with it and from street talk one forms the opinion that the dance hall is not a respectable place, to say the least.

During the past week a number of fights have been staged within the vicinity of this place and Saturday night on man was sliced several times with a knife.

We are not familiar with the law as to places of this kind but if reports are true the proprietors of this "dance hall" should be requested to vacate these parts immediately.

held on the 20th of February.

J. L. GLENN.

J. LYLES GLENN FOR CONGRESS

To the Democratic Voters of the Fifth District.

In the time allotted by our Democratic Executive Committee for the campaign I have had time to visit but few places than those selected for campaign meetings.

I believe that it is not necessary to set forth my qualifications in detail in this "letter" but that I have friends in every community familiar with my years of experience as an attorney and of continued service to the public in my own town, county and state.

I am a Southern Democrat and believe in the "Four of the people." I have made my campaign for a national office upon national issues. I AM A LOVER OF PEACE, but I believe in adequate preparedness of our nation for defense against invasion. I hear

and endorse. A VIGOROUS AND PROMPT INVESTIGATION OF THE INCREASED COST OF LIVING TO THE TOWNSMAN AND OF FARM SUPPLIES TO THE FARMER with a view of securing relief from the control of food supplies by the monopolies and trusts. I believe in federal aid for roads to facilitate the delivery of mails on R. F. routes.

From my wide experience in public affairs, I feel sure that I can best serve the Fifth District in Congress when our nation is now facing the most serious crisis in its history. In serving the people of the Fifth District I will use the same principles of right and fair dealing that I have always used in my private life.

Yours respectfully,
J. LYLES GLENN.

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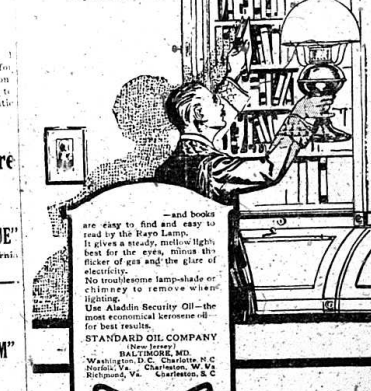
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