

# WINNSBORO.

Thursday Morning, September 21, 1865

We give most of our space to the proceedings of the Convention, which, no doubt, is the most interesting matter we could furnish our readers. We shall continue the proceedings from day to day until complete.

"How to vote? How to obtain Pardon," is a title of a very instructive work just issued by Mr. P. WALSH, Augusta. For reference and information, it is invaluable—every one should have a copy.

The copy before us, and which we acknowledge receipt of, is well printed, on very good paper. Messrs. LADD BROS. has them for sale.

Reader, do you wish to smoke a fine cigar? If so, go to the store of LADD BROS. where can be procured as good a cigar as can be found in the market.

We acknowledge the receipt of some samples from the firm, and can say, being somewhat of a judge, they are good.

## Special Correspondence.

COLUMBIA, 18th Sept., 1865.

DEAR NEWS: The Convention has finally fairly engaged in business. The several Committees are ready to offer the matters referred to them, for the consideration of the Convention. The Ordinance of Secession has been repealed, only three members voting against the repeal. This places the State, according to our view of states rights, back into the Union.

The business before the Convention is very heavy, and will probably require two more weeks to finish it. The emancipation of slavery will be recognized; the Parish system abolished; the election of Governor given to the people and he given the veto power; taxes will be required to be laid *ad valorem* and uniformly throughout the State, and other radical changes made in the Constitution.

The Convention will also petition the President for the pardon of Messrs. DAVIS, STEVENS, MAGRATH and TRENHOLM.

If anything interesting occurs you will hear from me again.

SPECIAL.

The following order is published for the benefit of our citizens, who will perceive by it that civil law reigns supreme in our State:

## HEADQUARTERS,

DEPT OF SOUTH CAROLINA,  
HILTON HEAD, S. C., Sept. 8, 1865.

## General Orders, No. 30.

In order to remove all seeming conflict of jurisdiction between the civil and military authorities throughout the State of South Carolina; promote the preservation of quiet and good order; relieve the people as much as possible from all unnecessary restraints of Martial Law; and reduce the expenses of the military establishment; it is hereby ordered:

First. That the Superior and Circuit Provoost Courts, will continue in operation as heretofore, and shall have, as against any and all courts, exclusive cognizance to try and adjudicate all cases wherein Freedmen and other persons of color are directly or indirectly concerned. This will not be so interpreted as to restrict the authority of the agents of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Second. The civil Courts may be opened, and all civil and municipal officers who shall have taken the Amnesty oath last prescribed, and who, if they are members of the classes excepted from the Amnesty, shall have received exemption therefrom, will be allowed to resume the exercise of their official duties, under such of the laws of South Carolina, in force immediately before the 17th day of November, 1860, as are not inconsistent with the laws of Congress, and the Proclamations of the President, which laws and Proclamations are in all cases to be respected.

Third. It being impracticable to establish and preserve military posts in sufficiently close proximity, to maintain a perfect military police in every portion of the State, the civil Magistrates will be allowed to make arrests in all cases of breach of the public peace; but the arrest of Freedmen and other persons of color, when rendered necessary by the

absence of the military, will, in all cases, be immediately reported, and the custody of person or persons arrested promptly transferred to the nearest military commander. The functions of civil officers, who disregard this order, will be suspended.

By command of Major-General Q. A. GILMORE,

W. L. M. BURGER,  
Assistant Adjutant General.  
Official: JAMES DEBOIS' Captain  
Commanding Post, Winnsboro', S. C.

[From the Columbia Phoenix.]

## JOURNAL OF THE

Convention of the People of South Carolina

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 1865.

Pursuant to the proclamation of His Excellency, B. F. PERRY, Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina, providing for the calling of a Convention of the people of State, to assemble in Columbia, on Wednesday, the 13th of September A. D. 1865, the Delegates from the several Election Districts of this State, assembled in the Baptist Church, in the town of Columbia, on this day, at 12 o'clock m.

On motion of Mr. Robertson, of Fairfield, Mr. F. J. Moses, a delegate from Sumter, was called to the chair. The Chair then proceeded to appoint Mr. J. B. Norwood, a delegate from Darlington, and Mr. F. W. McMaster, a delegate from Richland, temporary Secretaries.

The credentials of the following individuals were then exhibited, and their names enrolled as members of the Convention:

From Abbeville—Messrs. D. L. Wardlaw, S. McGowag, Thomas Thomson, W. A. Lee and J. W. Hearse.  
From All Saints—Mr. W. A. De Lettre.

From Anderson—Messrs. J. L. Orr, John Wilson, Alexander Erwin, W. S. Pickens.

From Barnwell—Messrs. A. P. Aldrich, J. J. Brabham, J. M. Whetstone.  
From Chester—Messrs. James Hemphill, A. P. Wylie, C. D. Melton.

From Chesterfield—Messrs. John A. Inglis, Henry Melver.  
From Christ Church—Mr. R. T. Morrison.

From Clarendon—Messrs. Jas. McCauley, John Peter Richardson.

From Darlington—Messrs. David C. Milling, J. H. Norwood, J. E. Byrd.

From Edgefield—Messrs. W. S. Mobley, G. D. Tilman, R. G. M. Danovant, F. W. Pickens, Paul H. Hammond.

From Fairfield—Messrs. James H. Rion, John Bratton, William R. Robertson.

From Greenville—Messrs. William H. Perry, James P. Boyce.

From Horry—Mr. Joel B. Skipper.

From Kershaw—Messrs. A. D. Goodwyn, L. W. R. Blair.

From Lancaster—Messrs. R. M. Sims, J. L. Reed.

From Laurens—Messrs. C. P. Sullivan, Wm. Mills, jr., A. W. Moore, B. W. Ball.

From Lexington—Messrs. L. Booser, John Fox.

From Marion—Messrs. A. Q. McDuffie, Wm. S. Wilson, R. H. Reeves.

From Marlboro—Messrs. T. C. Weatherly, C. W. Dudley.

From Newberry—Messrs. E. P. Lake, Henry Sumner, R. Stewart.

From Orange—J. H. Morgan.

From Pickens—Messrs. Edward Herndon, L. B. Johnson, Alexander Bryce, Sr., James LaFayette Boyd.

From Richland—Messrs. A. R. Taylor, Wm. Wallace, F. W. McMaster.

From St. Andrew's—Mr. Wm. Izard Bull.

From St. Bartholomew's—Mr. A. Campbell.

From St. James' Goose Creek—Mr. W. M. Brailsford.

From St. James' Santee—Mr. J. T. Duke.

From St. George's Dorchester—Mr. W. A. Chisholm.

From St. Matthew's—Mr. T. J. Goodwyn.

From St. Peter's—H. C. Smart.

From St. Phillip's and St. Michael's—Messrs. Charles Macbeth, Alfred Huger, H. D. Lesesne, W. H. Gilliland, James Connor, W. M. Martin, F. Melchers, P. C. Gaillard, John Schrieler, Geo. W. Williams, James Rose, John A. Wagener, Charles H. Simonton, P. J. Coogan, A. O. Andrews, Edward Frost, William S. Henery.

From St. Stephen's—Mr. W. H. Cannon.

From St. Thomas and St. Dennis—Mr. C. F. Forman.

From Spartanburg—Messrs. J. Win-smith, John W. Carouse, M. C. Barnett, James Farrow.

From Sumter—Messrs. F. J. Moses, John N. Frierson, Thomas M. Muldrow.

From Union—Messrs. W. H. Wal-

lace, T. N. Dawkins, Wm. J. Keenan.

From Williamsburg—Mr. J. A. James.

From Winyah—Mr. R. Dozier.

From York—Messrs. R. A. Ross.

W. C. Beatty, W. C. Black, Cidwallader Jones.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for permanent President, with the following result:

## First Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast	100
Necessary to a choice	51
Mr. D. L. Wardlaw received 42 votes.	
Mr. C. W. Dudley, received 36 votes.	
Mr. T. N. Dawkins received 9 votes.	
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## Second Ballot.

Whole number of votes cast	101
Necessary to a choice,	51
Mr. D. L. Wardlaw received 55 votes.	
Mr. C. W. Dudley received 35 votes.	
Mr. T. N. Dawkins received 9 votes.	
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The Chair announced that Mr. D. L. Wardlaw, having received a majority of the votes cast, was duly elected permanent President of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to conduct the President elect to the chair.

The following gentlemen were appointed: Messrs. Aldrich, Edward Frost and John A. Inglis.

The President elect then addressed the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Orr, it was

Resolved, That the President appoint a Clerk, messenger and door-keeper for the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Orr, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to wait on Governor Perry, inform him that the Convention was organized, had elected the Hon. D. L. Wardlaw President, and was ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Mr. Aldrich introduced the following resolutions, which, on motion of Mr. Dudley, were ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That under the present extraordinary circumstances, it is both wise and politic to accept the condition in which we are placed; to endure patiently the evils which we cannot avert or correct, and to await calmly the time and opportunity to effect our deliverance from unconstitutional rule.

Resolved, That a Committee, to consist of one member from each Judicial District, be raised, to prepare business for the Convention, and to which shall be referred all matters relating to the public welfare of the State.

Mr. Orr, from the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, reported that His Excellency will communicate with the convention to-morrow, at 12 o'clock m.

On motion of Mr. Frost, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to prepare and report rules for the government of the convention.

Messrs. Frost, Moses and Inglis were appointed the committee.

On motion of Mr. Melton, it was ordered that the returns of the managers of Elections for St. Luke's be referred to a Committee of Three, to investigate and report thereon.

Whereupon, the President appointed Messrs. Melton, Aldrich and Orr of the Committee.

Mr. Inglis offered the following resolutions, which, on motion of Mr. Orr, were postponed for further consideration until to-morrow, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Resolved, That the following committees be appointed, and a chairman of each be designated by the President of the Convention:

1. A Committee consisting of member from each Judicial District in the State represented in this Convention, to be styled "The Committee on the Constitution of the State," to which shall be referred all propositions touching the Constitution, or the remodeling, altering or amending of the same.

2. A Committee of thirteen members, to be styled "The Committee on Federal Relations," to which shall be referred all propositions touching the relations of this State to the Government of the United States.

3. A Committee of thirteen members, to be styled "The Committee on Colored Population," to which shall be referred all propositions touching the subject of slavery, and the condition of the colored people of the State.

4. A Committee of thirteen members, to be styled "The Committee of Ways and Means," to which shall be referred all propositions touching the raising and disbursing of money by this Convention or the State, and also, all pecuniary claims against the Convention.

5. A Committee of thirteen members, to be styled "The Committee on Ordinances and Resolutions," to which

shall be referred all propositions of matters to be ordained or resolved by this Convention not property or exclusively referable to any one of the other committees herein provided for.

6. A committee of seven members, to be styled "The Committee on Printing," which shall be charged with procuring such printing to be done as shall be required by the Convention, and superintending the execution of the same.

Mr. Pickens offered the following Ordinance, which on motion, was ordered to lie on the table:

We, the Delegates of the people of the State of South Carolina, in General Convention met do Ordain, That the Ordinance passed in convention, 20th of December, 1860, withdrawing this State from the Federal Union, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

The fortunes of war, together with the proclamations of the President of the United States and the generals in the field commanding, having decided that domestic slavery is abolished; therefore, under the circumstances, we acquiesce in said proclamations, and do hereby ordain implicit obedience to the constitution of the United States, and all laws made in pursuance thereof.

On motion of Mr. Simonton,

Ordered, That when the convention adjourns, it be adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Mr. Rion—That to-morrow he would offer certain amendments to the resolutions offered by Mr. Inglis.

On motion of Mr. Simonton, the convention was adjourned at 5 o'clock p. m.

J. H. NORWOOD,  
F. W. McMASTER,  
Secretaries of the Convention.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1865.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Convention met at 11 a. m., and was called to order by the President.

Mr. Winsmith introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That each day's proceedings of this Convention be opened with prayer. That the Rev. Mr. Boyce be requested to officiate this morning, and that the President of the Convention be requested to invite some clergyman to perform that duty for each succeeding day.

Rev. Mr. Boyce then offered a prayer, after which the President announced that he had, under the resolution of the day previous, appointed J. T. Sloan Clerk of the Convention, and Mr. Wm. C. McGregor, messenger, and James Windsor, Door keeper.

Mr. Andrews offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the representatives of the press be permitted seats on the floor, subject to the direction of the chair.

Mr. Frost, from the committee appointed to prepare rules for the government of the Convention, made the following report, which was agreed to:

"That they recommend the adoption of the Rules of the Senate of this State as adopted November, 1848, and amended December, 1856, and printed in 1857, by order of the House of Representatives, except Rules 14, 15, 18, 26, 27, 28, 33 and 34, with the addition of the following, to be the first in order.

"The President and sixty-two members shall be a quorum to transact business."

And the committee further recommend that 200 copies of these Rules be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Inglis introduced an Ordinance to declare in present force the Constitution and Laws heretofore in force in this State, and the Acts, official, public and private, done, and the appointments and elections made under authority of the same. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Message No. 1 of His Excellency the Governor, was then read by Mr. W. H. Perry, Private Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Boyce, one thousand copies were ordered to be printed.

The message was then made the Special Order for to-morrow, at one P. M.

The Temporary Secretary read the proceedings of the first day.

Mr. Melton, on part of the Special Committee appointed on matter of election of delegate from the Parish of St. Luke, made a report, and recommended the adoption of the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That this Convention recognizes Mr. LeRoy F. Youmans as the duly elected delegate from the Parish of St. Luke, and that he be permitted to sign the roll and take his seat in the Convention.

Resolved, That a pay bill shall be issued to Mr. David McGregor for such al-

lowance, including two days attendance on the convention, as may be due him according to the rule of compensation fixed by the convention.

Mr. Inglis introduced an Ordinance to abolish slavery in this State, which was ordered to lie on the table and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Orr, the resolutions proposing the appointment of certain Standing committees, was taken up.

Mr. English asked permission to withdraw the resolutions on this subject, proposed by him the day previous. Leave granted and the resolutions withdrawn.

Mr. Rion moved the appointment of Standing Committees.

Mr. Sullivan introduced the following resolutions, which were ordered to be referred to the appropriate Standing Committees, when appointed, and ordered to be printed:

1. Resolved, That the State of South Carolina will restore her political relations with the Government of the United States by returning to the Union, and that this Convention will adopt such measures as, in their judgment, will accomplish that object.

2. Resolved, That the Constitution of this State shall be so altered and amended as to require the election of Governor of the State to be made by the people of the State entitled to exercise the right of suffrage.

3. Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention, that the election of Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States should be made by the people of the State entitled to exercise the rights of suffrage and that the Provisional Governor be respectfully requested to communicate this resolution to the next Legislature, with an earnest request that they pass the necessary enactment to carry into effect the object of this resolution.

4. Resolved, That hereafter there should be but one Treasurer of the State, who shall hold his office at the seat of Government; that the office of Comptroller-General be abolished; and that the offices of Secretary of State and Surveyor-General shall also be held at the seat of Government.

5. Resolved, That the sittings of the Courts of Appeal and for the Correction of Errors shall be held only at the seat of Government, unless the Legislature should otherwise provide for their temporary sittings, in case of war or the prevalence of contagious disorders.

Mr. Orr introduced the following resolutions, which were ordered to be referred to the appropriate Standing Committees, when appointed:

1. The election of Governor shall be made by the people.

2. That he shall be re-eligible.

3. That he shall be invested with a qualified veto upon the legislation of the General Assembly.

4. That the basis of representation in the House of Representatives shall be the white population of the State.

5. That the number of members composing the House shall be fixed at one hundred.

6. That the basis of representation in the Senate shall be based equally upon white population and taxation, provided, that each judicial district shall be entitled to at least one Senator.

7. That the number of Senators shall be fixed at forty.

8. That the Lieutenant-Governor shall be *ex-officio* President of the Senate.

9. That the Judges and Chancellors shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to the confirmation of the Senate.

10. That the Secretary of State, Comptroller General and Treasurer shall be elected by the people.

11. That the District Officers, to wit, Clerk, Sheriff, Ordinary, Commissioner in Equity and Tax Collector, shall be elected by the people in their respective Districts.

12. That slavery, except as a punishment for crime, after due conviction, is forever prohibited in this State.

13. That all elections by the Legislature shall be made *in vacuo*, and the name of the member and the person voted for recorded.

On motion of Mr. Pickens, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the Ordinance introduced by him yesterday, which, on motion of Mr. Pickens, was referred to a Special committee of three.

Mr. Lesesne introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of this convention should be restricted to those measures which are necessary for the reinstatement of the State in the Union, and the restoration to her of a civil Government.

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