

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1865.

At the hour to which the Convention was adjourned, the PRESIDENT took the Chair, and the proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Bruce Walker.

Mr. McMASTER presented the contingent account of Theodore Stark Keeper of the State House, for expenses of the Convention; which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. ORR, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on the Judicial Department, on an Ordinance to declare in present force the Constitution and Laws heretofore in force, &c.; also,

Report of the same Committee on the amendment proposed by Mr. McGOWAN, which had been made the Special Order of the day, for this day at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mr. SIMONTON moved the following, as a substitute for the proviso to the 4th section of the Ordinance proposed by the Committee:

"Provided, That in every action, arising on any contract, whether under seal, written or oral, made between the first day of January, A. D. 1862, and the fifteenth of May, A. D. 1865, it shall be lawful for either party to the action, to introduce testimony showing the true value and real character of the consideration of such contract, at the time it was made, so that regard being had to the particular circumstances of each case, such verdict or decree may be rendered as will effect substantial justice between the parties."

And the question being put, will the Convention agree thereto? it passed in the affirmative.

So the amendment was substituted. The ordinance was then passed, and committed to the Engrossing Committee.

Message No. 2 was then received from his Excellency the Provisional Governor, and was read by his Private Secretary, W. H. PERRY, Esq.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONVENTION.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, SOUTH CAROLINA, Sept. 27, 1865.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention:

I congratulate you and our country on the happy termination of your labors, which I hope and trust will be the means of restoring South Carolina to all of her civil and political rights as a member of the Federal Union.

You have repealed the Ordinance of Secession, abolished slavery, equalized the representation in the Senate, given the election of Governor to the people, expressed your judgment in regard to the election of Presidential Electors by the people, established equal taxation throughout the State, and declared the responsibility of the representative to his constituency by *viva voce* voting in the Legislature.

You have endorsed the administration of President Johnson, and pledged yourselves to co-operate with him in "the wise measures he has inaugurated for securing peace and prosperity to the whole Union." And you have referred to a Commission the protection of the "Freedmen" and colored population of the State, whose business it will be to submit to the Legislature a wise code of laws to regulate the relative duties of the employer and employee.

Under your new Constitution, which will inspire our people with Democratic zeal, energy and industry, I confidently expect to see South Carolina redeem herself and be more prosperous and happy in the future than she ever has been in the past.

Gentlemen, I bid you farewell; and may you speedily return to your homes, and long live to enjoy the "well done" of your constituency for your arduous and patriotic services in restoring your country to order, government and civil liberty.

B. F. PERRY.

On motion of Mr. ORR, the message was ordered to be laid on the table, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. FURMAN, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made a report on the account of Theo. Stark; which was considered immediately, and was agreed to.

Mr. FURMAN introduced the following resolution; which was considered immediately, and was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Keeper of the State House take charge of the various articles procured for the use of the Convention, and which have not been consumed, and hold them subject for the use of the General Assembly.

Also, introduced the following resolution; which was considered immediately, and was agreed to:

Resolved, That the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated as compensation for the use of the building in which the meetings of the Convention have been held.

Mr. J. G. THOMPSON presented a petition; which was ordered to be laid on the table.

Mr. INGLIS introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it shall be adjourned to meet at such time and place as the President shall appoint, who is authorized, if, in his opinion, the public exigencies shall require, by notice under his hand duly published, to assemble the Convention at any time before the first day of January next ensuing; and that he appoint a committee of five, a majority of whom, or the survivors or successors of such majority, in case of the death or disqualification of the President, shall have like authority to assemble the Convention, and appoint a time and place for its meeting; and in case the Convention should not be so assembled before the first day of January ensuing, then this Convention shall be dissolved.

On motion of Mr. McMASTER, the resolution was amended by striking out "January," and inserting "March," and the question being put, will the Convention agree thereto? it passed in the negative.

Mr. MELTON, from the Engrossing Committee, made the following report:

The Engrossing Committee respectfully report:

That the Constitution of the State has been engrossed and is herewith reported for ratification.

They also report for ratification the following engrossed Ordinances, to wit:

An Ordinance to divide the State into four Congressional Districts.

An Ordinance to provide for the expenses of the Convention.

An Ordinance to provide for the first ensuing election of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, and for members of the first ensuing General Assembly of the State of South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. MELTON, Chairman.

IN CONVENTION, September 27, 1865.

Whereupon the Ordinance was ratified in due form.

Mr. MOSES asked and obtained leave to record the vote he would have given, if present, on resolution offered by Mr. Inglis, as to the adjournment of the Convention. And Mr. Moses being called, answered No.

On motion of Mr. MELTON,

Ordered, That this Convention will be adjourned *sine die*, this day, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The Convention recessed from business at 3 o'clock P. M., until 7 o'clock P. M.

RECESS.

Mr. MELTON, from the Engrossing Committee, made the following report:

The Engrossing Committee ask leave to report herewith, for ratification, an Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to declare in force the Constitution and laws heretofore in force in this State, and the Acts, official, public and private done, and appointments and elections made, under authority of the same."

Respectfully submitted,

C. D. MELTON, Chairman Committee.

COLUMBIA, Sept. 27, 1865.

Whereupon the Ordinance was ratified in due form.

Mr. MELTON introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately, and was agreed to:

Resolved, That a pay bill do issue to Mr. John D. Alexander for the sum of thirty dollars, as compensation for his services in engrossing the Constitution of the State of South Carolina.

Mr. INGLIS introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately, and was agreed to:

Resolved, That the General Assembly be requested to have the Constitution of the State, adopted by this Convention, together with the several Ordinances and Resolutions passed, published with the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly, at its next session.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Convention communicate this resolution to the General Assembly at an early day of its session.

On motion of Mr. ORR,

Ordered, That all Reports, Resolutions and other papers which have not been disposed of by the Convention, be laid on the table.

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE FIRST ENSUING ELECTION OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, AND FOR MEMBERS OF THE FIRST ENSUING GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

We the People of the State of South Carolina, by our Delegates in Convention met, do ordain:

1. That on the third Wednesday in October next, elections shall be held for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the State of South Carolina, and for members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State.

2. That the Managers of Elections, throughout the State, shall give public notice of such elections, and on the day indicated shall open separate polls at their respective precincts for each of the said elections, and shall conduct the same, in all respects, in accordance with the laws and usages of this State. In case there be no regularly appointed Managers at any precinct, said elections shall be held and conducted by Managers for that purpose specially appointed by a majority of the persons who are now the Delegates of this Convention from the District in which such precinct lies, and vacancies among the Managers shall be in like manner filled.

3. In the elections to the General Assembly, the Districts of Beaufort, Colleton, Orangeburg and Berkeley, shall each elect one Senator and on general ticket as many members of the House of Representatives as were assigned by the last apportionment to the several Parishes comprised in each. The District of Georgetown shall elect one Senator and three Representatives. The District of Horry shall elect one Senator and two Representatives. The Election District of Charleston shall elect two Senators and twenty Representatives; and all other Districts shall elect each one Senator and as many Representatives as were assigned to each by the last apportionment.

4. That immediately after closing the polls, the Managers shall count the votes polled, and after making returns thereof, showing the number of votes polled for each person, shall certify the same under their hands, and appoint one of their number to carry such returns with a list of the voters and report the same to the general meeting of the Managers of the District; which general meeting shall be held at the Court House of the District on the day following the election; except that the Managers for the Election District of Berkeley shall hold their general meeting at the city of Charleston, on the second day following the election, at 2 o'clock P. M. And the Managers, when so assembled in general meeting, shall, after ascertaining the result of the several returns, proceed to declare the election of Members of the General Assembly, and shall furnish certificates, under their hands, of such elections to the persons entitled thereto.

5. That the Members so elected shall meet in General Assembly, in special session, on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of October next.

6. That the Managers, when so assembled in general meeting, shall make separate returns of the results of the ballotings for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, shall certify the same to the Secretary of State, under their hands, and shall forward to him such returns, each in a separate sealed envelope, appropriately endorsed, by a Messenger to be by them appointed for that purpose, who shall be by them sworn to deliver and shall deliver the same, with the seals unbroken, to the Secretary of State at Columbia, on or before the fourth Monday of November next.

7. That the Secretary of State shall, at such time as they may be required of him, deliver said returns to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who shall, during the first week of the regular session, open and announce the said returns, declare the election and order the entering of the same on the Journal of the House.

8. That the Messengers shall be entitled to receive out of the Treasury of the State a compensation equal to five dollars per diem, and twenty cents per mile going to and returning from Columbia—the number of days and miles to be ascertained by the Secretary of State, who shall certify pay bills therefor.

9. That the Clerk of the Convention shall order the immediate printing of one thousand copies of this Ordinance, and forthwith distribute the same to the Managers of Elections throughout the State.

Done at Columbia, the twenty-seventh day of September, in the year

of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

D. L. WARDLAW, President of Convention.

Attest: JOHN T. SLOAN, Clerk of Convention.

THE NEW BONNET.—The new bonnets which the milliners have just displayed in New York are thus described:

A few French bonnets are on exhibition, but there is no great change from last season, except they are made lower in the neck, leaving less room for waterfalls, which are waning. A very pretty bonnet is trimmed with office, at the approaching election, by some citizens of NEWBERRY DISTRICT.

Judge King, of the Richmond (Ray County) Missouri, court, has decided the provision of the new constitution, requiring attorneys to take the oath of loyalty unconstitutional, so far as its retrospective and *ex post facto* features are concerned.

The owners of the Bangor Democrat have sued for \$30,000 damages for the destruction of their establishment by a mob in 1861.

Our Next Governor.

To give the people the assurance of having a genuine man for Governor, General WADE HAMPTON is nominated for that office, at the approaching election, by some citizens of NEWBERRY DISTRICT.

For the Legislature.

The following gentlemen are suggested as fit persons to represent Richmond District in the next General Assembly:

WM. WALLACE, WM. K. BACHMAN, WM. H. TALLEY, JAS. G. GIBBES.

FOR CONGRESS.

The friends of GEO. D. TILLMAN, Esq., respectfully announce him a candidate for CONGRESS, at the ensuing election, in the Third District, embracing Orangeburg, Edgefield, Lexington, Abbeville, Newberry, Belton and Fairfield.

Auction Sales.

Handsome Furniture, Saddles, Carriage, &c.

By A. R. Phillips.

THIS (Thursday) MORNING, 28th inst., at 10 o'clock, I will sell, at my Auction Room, Bedell's Building, A variety of handsome FURNITURE, consisting of: Mahogany Wardrobe, Mahogany Marble-top Bureau, Marble-top Centre Table, Walnut Extension Table, Mahogany Chairs, Bookcase, 1 Etogere, 1 Walnut Table, Mattresses, Feather Bed and Bolster, and sundry articles Kitchen Utensils.

ALSO, 2 good Saddles, 1 One-horse Carriage, in good order, 1 set Harness, 1 Fairbank's Platform Scale, in good order, and many other articles.

Also, at 10 o'clock precisely, 1 pair Harness Horses, 1 Covered Wagon, 1 Double Set Harness.

Unlimited articles received until hour of sale. Sept 28 2

Real Estate.

By Jacob Levin.

ON MONDAY MORNING, October 2, I will sell positively, without reserve,

That new and neat COTTAGE BUILDING, with the land on which it is erected, consisting of half an acre, situated on the East corner of Gates street—measuring on the same 100 feet 4 inches, and on the North by Medium street, measuring 208 feet 8 inches. The building has been erected within the last four years, contains 4 rooms and pantry, with portico front and rear; also brick basement, finished, with 4 rooms, garden and good well of water.

Persons desiring to purchase are requested to examine the premises, as the property will be positively sold. Sept 24 7

LOT AND BRICK FOR SALE.

THE undersigned offers for sale his LOT, containing three-quarters of an acre, and about 120,000 first quality BRICKS. Sold cheap, if applied for immediately. Apply to JOHN McCULLY or E. J. ARTHUR. Sept 28

Columbia Medical Society.

A MEETING will be held at the Shiver House, in Dr. Templeton's Room, THIS DAY, (Thursday,) at 4 1/2 p. m. A full attendance is requested. By order of the President, R. W. GIBBES, Jr., Sec'y. Sept 27 2

School Notice.

MRS. AMANDA H. CHAPMAN'S SCHOOL for small children, will be opened on the FIRST MONDAY in October, at her residence on Camden street. Sept 28 2*

Mrs. E. McCartha

WILL open SCHOOL on the first MONDAY in October, at her former residence, at the corner of Lumber and Henderson streets. Sept 28 3*

Acacia Lodge.

A regular communication of this Lodge will be held THIS AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, in the Hall in the College Campus. By order of the W. M. E. O. WITHINGTON, Secretary. Sept 28 1

George Schofield & Co.

IGNIS FLUID and SAFETY LAMP. The cheapest, Portable Light in use! Not explosive! No smoke! No smell! No trouble! Plain street, third door from Bell's store. Sept 28 1*

Corn for Sale!

CORNER of Blanding and Barnwell streets, opposite Charlotte Depot. Sept 28 1*

Notice.

THE DUE BILLS for 50 cents, \$1 and \$2, issued by us, will be redeemed in Richmond, Va., by Messrs. LANCASTER & CO., and at Columbia, S. C., by Messrs. ZEALY, SCOTT & BRUNS, at the rate fixed by the Court of Conciliation, viz: sixty for one. All parties holding these due bills are requested to present them for redemption within sixty days from the date of this notice. KEATINGE & BAILL. Sept 28

Religious Notice.

THE Evangelical Lutheran Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina and adjacent States, will meet, according to adjournment, at St. Matthew's, Orangeburg District, S. C., on THURSDAY preceding the third Sabbath in October.

The members of Synod, one and all, are particularly requested to attend, as business of importance will be brought before the Synod. By order of the President,

J. P. SMELTZER, Sept 28-3 Corresponding Secretary. Charleston News publish three times and send bill to this office.

CALMAN & KREUDER,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS, WHOLESALE dealers in GROCERIES, WINES, LIQUORS and SEGARS. Especial attention paid to the purchase and sale of COTTON, MERCHANDIZE and PRODUCE. Gervais street, between Main and Assembly, opposite State House. Sept 28 1mo

FLOUR.

10 BBLs. of EXTRA FLOUR. Just received and for sale at ZEALY, SCOTT & BRUNS. Sept 28 2

J. F. EISENMANN,

Merchant Tailor, CORNER LADY AND GATES STREETS. One Square in Rear of Hitchcock's Stables. BEGS to inform the citizens of Columbia that he has received, by late arrival from the North, a large and select assortment of BROADCLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c., expressly for the Southern market, and will be pleased to see his old customers and friends. He hopes by strict attention to merit the continuation of their former patronage. All orders promptly attended to. Sept 28 1*