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POETRY.

[From the Louisville Courier-Journal.]

The Rose Vine.

One day while deep in the forest
Roaming I chanced to find,
Half hid away in the shadows,
A tangled wild rose vine.
I carelessly broke from its branches
A twig, as it waved to and fro,
And planted it 'neath my window
In hopes that it there might grow.
It lived through the sultry summer
And the winter's coldest hours;
And again in the spring it blossomed
And cheered me with beautiful flowers.
I trained its long, slender branches
To turn this way and that;
And round and o'er my window
In various ways to plant.
And I saw by a little trouble,
And a little attention paid,
That 'twould thrive much more in the
sunshine
Than deep in the forest shade.
And it remained in the forest
I'd never have known it more;
But my helping it out it has flourished
And covered my window o'er.
And rich the reward for my trouble,
For oft in the summer hour,
From the scorching sun I am shielded
By my pleasant rose-vine bower.
Thus oft in the depths of the forest
Of busy men, we find
Some persons sore beleaguered,
And helpless like the vine.
And only one thing is needed,
And that is some friendly hand
To lift them out of the shadows
Into the sunshine land.
If we will only assist them,
And teach them the way to go,
They will flourish, as did the rose-vine,
Blessing us as they grow.
And some day reward will reach us,
For reward for such is given;
If not in this world we receive it,
It will surely be found in Heaven.
WILL M. SHIELDS.
COLUMBIA, TENN.

Constitution of the Democratic Party of South Carolina.

The Constitution of the Democratic party of South Carolina, which was adopted by the State Convention, and went into force in the campaign of 1878, is as follows:

ARTICLE I. There shall be one or more Democratic Clubs organized in each election precinct, each of which Clubs shall have a distinct title, "The Democratic Club," and shall elect a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Recording and a corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, and shall have the following working committees, of not less than three members each, viz: A Committee on Registration, an Executive Committee and such other Committees as to each Club may seem expedient.

ART. II. The meetings of the Clubs shall be frequent after the opening of the canvass, and some member of the Club or invited speaker deliver an address at each meeting if practicable.

ART. III. The President shall have power to call an extra meeting of the Club, and members of the Club shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. IV. The Clubs in each county shall be held together and operate under the control of a County Executive Committee, which shall consist of one member from each Club, to be nominated by the respective Clubs and elected by the County Convention, and such other members as the Convention may add.

The Executive Committee, when elected, shall appoint its own officers and fill all vacancies which may arise when the Convention is not in session. The tenure of office of the Executive Committee shall be until the next general campaign, unless sooner removed or suspended by the County Convention.

The present County Executive Committee shall continue in office until the first meeting of the County Conventions under this organization.

ART. V. County Democratic Conventions shall be composed of delegates elected by the several Local Clubs—one delegate for every Club,

and an additional delegate for every twenty-five (25) enrolled members—with the right to each County Convention to enlarge or diminish the representation according to circumstances. This Convention shall be called together by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, under such rules as each county may adopt and when assembled shall be called to order by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, and shall proceed to elect from among its members a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer.

The Convention shall proceed to business, and when the same is transacted it shall adjourn *sine die*.

ART. VI. The mode and manner of nomination candidates for county offices or for delegates to the State, Judicial and Congressional Conventions shall be regulated in each county by the respective County Convention.

ART. VII. The State Convention shall be composed of the delegates from each county in the numerical proportion to which that county is entitled in both branches of the General Assembly.

ART. VIII. The officers shall be a President, one Vice-president from each Congressional District, two Secretaries and a Treasurer.

ART. IX. The State Executive Committee shall be composed of three from each Congressional District. The delegates from the counties comprising the Congressional District to nominate the candidates from that district, and the Convention shall then proceed to an election.

ART. X. The Executive Committee shall select its own Chairman and other officers, and shall meet at the call of the Chairman or any five members, at such times and places as he or they may appoint.

ART. XI. The Executive committee shall have power, by the vote of a majority of the whole Committee, to call a Convention of the Democratic party of the State at such time and place as it may designate; and is charged with the execution and direction of the policy of the party in the State, subject only to this constitution the principals declared in the platform, and such instructions, by resolution or otherwise, as the State Convention may from time to time adopt; and shall continue in office for two years from the time of election, or until the assembling of the next State Convention for the nomination of a State ticket, unless superseded by the action of the State Convention. And if any vacancy be occasioned by death, removal, or other cause, the Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.

ART. XII. When the State Democratic Convention assembles, it shall be called to order by the Chairman of the State Executive Committee, and shall proceed immediately to the election of permanent officers and the transaction of business.

The Convention, when it has concluded its business, shall adjourn *sine die*. And when a Convention is called by the Executive Committee, such Convention shall be composed of newly elected delegates.

ART. XIII. Representation in judicial and Congressional Conventions shall be on the same basis as in State Conventions. A majority of delegates shall be present at a Convention to constitute a quorum for nominating a candidate either for Congress or Solicitor. The delegation of each county in a Congressional or Judicial Convention shall have power to fill any vacancy in the delegation.

In every Convention to nominate a candidate for Congress or for the office of Solicitor a majority of the votes shall be necessary to a choice, and the vote shall be taken *visa voce* and recorded, unless there is but one candidate, in which event the vote may be taken by acclamation. As soon as a Congressional or Judicial Convention has nominated the party candidate for Congress or Solicitor it shall adjourn *sine die*, and whenever a candidate to fill an unexpired term of either office has to be nominated, it shall be done by a new Convention of delegates fresh from the people.

The Executive Committee from each Congressional District or Judicial Circuit shall consist of the several county Chairmen of the respective counties composing such District or Circuit, which Committee shall elect its own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall continue in office for two years in a District and four years in a Circuit, respectively, or until their successors shall have been elected. It shall require the consent of a majority of the whole Executive Committee in any District or Circuit to call a Nominating Convention.

The Executive Committee of each District or Circuit shall be specially charged in its discretion, except as

herein provided, and subject to the State platform, as well as under the supervision of the State Executive Committee, with the conduct of every election for Congressional Representatives or Solicitors in such District or Circuit, and said Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman or of any three members at such times and places as he or they may appoint.

Each Congressional Convention shall meet within its Congressional District, and each Judicial Convention shall meet within its Circuit.

ART. XIV. This Constitution shall not go into force until the State campaign of 1878.

A Setting Net.

An old farmer, with a house full of boys, was one day tugging away at a large piece of timber. Finding it rather hard work, he called his boys one after another, at the top of his voice, but received no reply. Finally, after he had no need of them, they all came.

"Where," said he, "have you been, and what have you been doing; didn't you hear me call?"

"Out in shop, settin' the saw," replied one.

"And you Dick?" continued the farmer.

"Out in the barn, settin' the hen."

"And you Jack?"

"Up in Granny's room settin' the clock."

"And you, Tom?"

"Up in the garret, settin' the trap."

"And Master Fred where, were you settin'?" asked the farmer, amused at the peculiarity of the replies.

"On the door step, settin' still," replied the youngest.

A shower of worms is reported to have fallen in Charlotte, N. C., a few mornings since.

The World for 1880.

Democrats everywhere should inform themselves carefully alike of the action of their party throughout the country and of the movements of their Republican opponents. A failure to do this in 1876 contributed greatly to the loss by the Democracy of the fruits of the victory fairly won at the polls.

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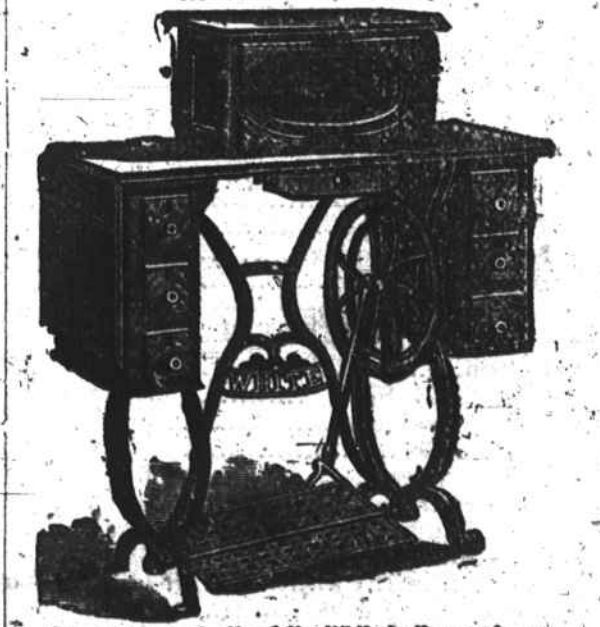
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