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Have You a Mother?

Have you a mother? love her well,
While she is spared on earth,
Wait not till death shall call her hence,
To know her precious worth.

Wait not till she lies cold and still,
Most beautiful, though dead,
To think of what you should have done,
Before her dear life fled.

Think now how much she should be loved,
And prize her as you ought,
Or else your life, when she is gone,
With sorrow shall be fraught.

O! watch her, guard her with your love,
While with you she is left,
For when she leaves you, life will seem
Of every joy bereft.

Oh! soothe her in her hours of pain,
Be gentle and be mild;
How sweet 'twill be for you to think
You've been a faithful child.

The State Democracy.

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 '78, is as follows:

ARTICLE I. There shall be one or more Democratic clubs organized to 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 committee as to each club may seem expedient.

ART. II. The meeting 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 committees shall continue in office until the first meeting of the county convention under this organization.

ART. V. County democratic conventions shall be composed of delegates elected by the several local clubs—one 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 oonvention shall be called together 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 nominating candidates for county offices or for delegates to the State Judicial and congressional conventions shall be regulated in each county by the respective county conventions.

ART VII. The State convention shall be composed of 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 composing 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 elect 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 principles declared in the platform, and such instructions by resolutions 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 superceded 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, shall elect a temporary President, 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 voters shall be necessary to a choice, and the votes shall be taken viva voce and recorded, unless there be 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 of each congressional district or judicial circuit shall consist of the several county chairman 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 years in a district and 4 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 committee.

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.

AMENDMENT.

The State convention of June, 1880, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the National Democratic committee relating to ex-officie membership of committees be adopted, as far as the same provides for the member of the National committee being ex-officio a member of the State executive committee.

A Romance From Maine.

Some years before the war, Otis Burton, a farmer residing at Bangor, left to seek his fortune in the West. He drifted to Missouri, where he met an accomplished young lady with whom he fell in love. She was pleased with him, but before he made his passion known she moved to a distant part of the South.

About this time the war broke out, and the two lost all trace of each other. Burton joined the Union army, and was soon afterward wounded, and, as it was supposed he would die, a letter was sent to his mother informing her that her son could not live. He, however, was blessed with a good constitution and recovered. He went back to his regiment, and was detailed with a company to take supplies across the plains The party was attacked by Indians, and every man in the force except Burton killed. He was reported to have been slain with the rest. The Indians decided to let him live, and took him a prisoner to their retreat in the mountains in the Southwest. He gradually recovered from wounds he had received in the encounter, made himself agreeable to his captors, and adapted himself to their way of living.

After he had been in captivity six months or more he was allowed more liberty, and now began to watch for a chance to escape. The Indians had stolen a number of ponies, and among them was one which Burton's practiced eye showed him was highly bred, swift, and with speed and endurance. This pony was cared for and petted by Burton, and he was allowed to ride him. One day he strayed away further than usual, and though not acquainted with the country, made a dash for liberty. He was closely pursued, but the gallant little pony had the "bottom" for a winning race. He rode three days, and then began to see that he was getting out of the hostile country. In the distance he saw a house which he knew must be inhabited by whites. He shouted with joy, feeling that he had gained freedom at last. He knocked at the door of the house and a surprise awaited him. It was opened by the woman he had loved in auld lang syne. He was at once recognized and received a hearty welcome. Burton told his adventures and narrow escape to a willing listener. She, too, told her story. She had married a Confederate officer, who was afterward killed in the battle, and she owned the farm she occupied. Is it necessary to tell the rest? They were betrothed, there was a merry wedding, and the happy couple are still living in a southwestern State. Surely in real life there are romances as strange and more interesting than those woven by the fertile brain of the novelist.

PLANTATION PHILOSOPHY.—Dar aint' nuthin' sadder dan de acks ob a coward what is tryin' ter make folks think dat he is a fighter.

Nuthin' pleases a old nigger 'oman so much as fur a pusson ter tell her dat de remedies what she has ricommended hab he'ped him.

I doan like too much humbleness. De worm is so low dat he crawls, and he eats yer airter yer dead.

Natur doan make a man prond. Some trees air taller dan udders, but de sap flows in thes de same.

I'se looked eroun'ober dis la'd a heep an' ef I'se eber foun' any use fur de grsshopper I doan know it, but den I doan know dat de grasshopper hab eber foun' any use fur me.—Arkansaw Traveller.

—If we never spoke of a man's virtues before his face, nor of his faults behind his back, there would be an end to flattery and defamation.