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S. C. REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SUMMARIZED

THAT STATE CONVENTION

Any one conversant with Republican politics as it is played in South Carolina if called upon to write up a state convention could have written several weeks ago what would happen at the meeting of the State Convention which convened in the State's capital, Thursday, February 9th and had same stereotyped and ready for press the next morning and would not have missed any of the doings of the convention so far as the electing of the delegates, because Boss Tolbert had been over the State and had given orders to his appointed County chairmen as to what to do in their County Conventions and who to allow to be elected to come to the State Convention, and those elected were to be ordered to vote for a set of men designated by Boss Tolbert and all of these orders were carried out to the very letter as far as humanly possible by all the County Chairmen and the convention would have rolled off as forecasted by any well versed politician who happens to live in South Carolina, had Boss Tolbert not made the ONE mistake of borrowing a corrupt preacher from among the ranks of the Baptist preachers of the State to preside as Temporary Chairman of the convention assembled. Everything went along as planned. The convention was called to order by Boss Tolbert. Dr. H. C. Hardy, of Spartanburg, was called to the platform to lead a song; after which prayer was offered. Boss Tolbert made his usual howl about his loyalty to the party and called upon everybody to support his administration, had a roll call and ordered the convention to accept Rev. J. C. White pastor of the Zion Baptist Church, as their chairman for the day, and Rev. White got up and made a nice little talk about what he was going to do along the line of giving every delegate in the hall a fair show; after which he pulled a tablet out of his pocket on which was written his orders. He appointed a committee on Credentials and while the committee was in the anti-room laughing up their sleeves at the hypocrisy of the whole thing, the convention delegates were being entertained by talks from various ones. Mrs. Rebecca Walton, Dr. M. A. Evans spoke; after which the delegates called for Lawyer N. J. Frederick and Boss Tolbert being in the anti-room and had out on the platform to coach Rev. White. Rev. White made the mistake of hearing the call of the people and allowed Lawyer Frederick to come up on the platform to speak. When Lawyer Frederick finished speaking, it was clearly evident that the convention was not at all for Tolbert and S. O. S. was sent to Boss Tolbert and he designated the henchman, Rev. William Howard of ("Jesus Christ himself could not do any more for South Carolina niggers than has, Mr. Tolbert") fame brought about by making a discredit of Christ ability in his trying to picture Boss Tolbert on the convention floor; and another man whose name I do not recall just at present, but who is the postmaster at Georgetown, be called to answer Frederick. They met howls and cat calls from the delegation and pandemonium reigned for more than half an hour, when L. A. Hawkins went up and prevailed with the chairman to give Frederick a 5 minutes rebuttal to whatever might be said and an agreement was reached and the two henchmen spoke. They said something but it evidently made no im-

pression for the delegates were not in favor of whatever it was they wanted them to accept. When they sat down Frederick came back to the platform, but the Credential Committee and its cue and came in to report and Frederick at the sound of the gavel from Chairman White had to step down. The Credential Committee's report being adopted, the way was cleared for the electing of delegates to the National Republican Convention. Louis Waller, of Greenwood, got the floor and made a motion that we suspend the rules of the convention and elect J. W. Tolbert, S. L. Leapart, J. E. Dixon and J. H. Goodwin as delegates to the National Convention. The motion was seconded and the chairman, after stating the motion asked for objections. Delegates from all parts of the convention hall rose to offer their objection but the Tolbert steam roller had been ordered into action. Amid cries of not ready and I object, Chairman White was heard to exclaim: "The 's' have it and the ticket stands elected." The convention immediately went to pieces. Chairman White must have frightened himself, not having the pleasure of driving Boss Tolbert's steam roller before, for he immediately left the chair and went back stage as soon as he could disentangle himself from those who tried to prevail with him to come back and give them a fair deal as he so said he would do. The act came so unexpectedly until quite a few of the delegates could not just exactly understand what had happened, until Delegate L. A. Hawkins came upon the platform and rapped for order. When order was obtained Hawkins stated that what had been done was all illegal and suggested that the convention proceed to elect a ticket, he being elected chairman and Dr. Wilson, secretary. After some discussion among the delegates W. M. Porter of Spartanburg, Dr. Wilson of Florence, E. R. Riley of Gaffney and L. A. Hawkins of Columbia were offered to the convention and upon motion they were elected as the delegates to the National Convention. Four alternates were also elected, after which a motion was made to adjourn the convention, and thus the curtain fell on the 1928 State Convention of the Republican party of South Carolina.

For the last sixteen years the people of this state, both white and colored, have been trying to rid themselves of the Tolbert rule. Many ways have been tried but the steam roller has managed to crush out every effort before it could materialize, but now the convention and the high handed act of the Temporary Chairman, we see a glorious opportunity for the elimination of Boss Tolbert for all time. The Tolbert ticket is clearly illegal and if Rev. J. C. White has in mind of ever doing something for his people and the party in particular the time is now. Rev. White should the future Tolbert rule in the hollow of his hand. He has but to admit that he erred and the Tolbert ticket will be thrown out by the National Committee and with it will go J. W. Tolbert, National Committeeman. Rev. White can redeem his mistake and become famous. His name is in line for the historian of fame or shame. Will he make himself a name by giving the people back what he robbed them of or will he hang his head in shame for robbing the people for whatever it was Tolbert gave him?

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REV. J. C. WHITE TO ADDRESS SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS

Headquarters of the National Baptist Sunday School Congress, Nashville, Tenn., with Dr. J. P. Robinson, president, Little Rock Arkansas; and with Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, secretary, Nashville, Tenn., has extended an invitation to the Rev. J. C. White to preach the National Sunday School Congress sermon this year at Louisville, Ky., Sunday morning, June 10th.

Rev. White has accepted the invitation. It will be remembered that Rev. White entertained the National Baptist Sunday School Congress in Columbia, June 6th, 1925. A large delegation from South Carolina will attend this year at the Congress, and from there many of the messengers will attend the Baptist World Alliance at Toronto, Canada, also in June, 1928.

DARLINGTON AND GREENVILLE COUNTIES

ENROLL 100 PERCENT IN PALMETTO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION. LARGE CROWDS COMING

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 15, 1928.

Mr. I. M. A. Myers, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir:

You will please find enclosed a check for \$105.00, membership fee from our county. This brings us in one hundred percent to the Palmetto State Teachers' Association.

Very truly yours,

MRS. M. L. SEWELL, Treasurer.

The Secretary of Darlington County Association sent check for \$90.00 to cover enrollment fees from teachers in Darlington county. Darlington is one hundred percent.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO REPORTERS.

Reporters are hereby notified that all news intended for the present issue must be in the office by Wednesday night of each week. News received on Thursday will be carried over for the next issue if suitable. Do not wait to get everything, but mail what you have on Tuesday, so as to reach this office by Wednesday night. Reporters are also urged to make their articles brief and to the point, as on account of our limited space we will be compelled to cut out the unimportant parts, so as to get news printed from all points. Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

Cards of Thanks, In Memoriams and Notices of whatever nature will be printed for 2 cents a word. Minimum charge 50 cts. Send remittances with manuscript. Stamps accepted for small amounts.

GEO. H. HAMPTON, Publisher.

NEGRO HISTORY WEEK AT THE STATE COLLEGE

Orangeburg, S. C., Feb. 16—Under the direction of the History Department, the State College carried out a unique and successful celebration of Negro History Week. The most important epochs of history of the Negro in America were emphasized by declamations written by Negroes. These were presented in the college auditorium, one or two each day, with unusual skill by students of the college department. They covered such epochs as: The ante-bellum problems of the American free and slave Negroes, including the Negro's part in the abolition movement; the path toward the reconstruction period and present efforts of Negroes for "the larger freedom." The orations used were taken from C. G. Woodson's "Fever Book," "Negro Orations and Their Orations."

The following were interestingly presented: "Why Celebrate Negro History Week?" by Miss Anniston Young; "Frederick Douglass' 'A Call to Arms'" by Sidney D. Williams; Rainey's "Defense of the Negroes of South Carolina" by Timothy Stewart; Johnson's "The Faith of the American Negro" by Wayman Johnson; Pickens' "The Kind of Democracy the Negro Wants" by Miss Carrie Mae Spears.

In addition to these declamations, based upon the work of Negro orators, an original essay, "Christian Principles and Race Relations" written by Miss Mattie Kelley of the Senior Normal Class, which will be submitted in the Interracial Commission Contest, was presented. Clarence Darrow's essay on John Brown, published in the Crisis recently, was rendered by Miss Marie Burch.

Professor A. H. Gordon of the History Department stated that the objectives of the celebration, namely, alpha is upon the important epochs of Negro history by use of works of Negroes themselves; the familiarizing of the students with the artistic productions of their own speakers; and practice in public speaking for college students were all excellently achieved. "Praise was given to students who participated for the excellent showing they made in interpreting the thoughts and expressions of some of the world's greatest orators.

ALLEN UNIVERSITY QUARTET & ORCHESTRA TO HAVE HOME COMING CONCERT

On Friday, February the twenty-fourth at 8:00 P. M. the Allen University quartet and orchestra will appear at the Allen University auditorium for the benefit of music lovers of Columbia. This will be the home coming recital of this organization. They have been enjoying large and appreciative audiences in Manning, Andrews, Kingstree, Georgetown, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg and Sumter. The concert will be under the direction of Miss Lula D. Hopkins, the head of the music department and Capt. W. Carey Thomas, the director of the band and orchestra. This recital is in keeping with the policy of Allen University to become more intimately known to the citizens of Columbia and to give to the public that type of entertainment which is integral and a part of the cultural life of any community. Tickets are now on sale at the University office; reserved seats fifty cents, general admission thirty-five cents, children twenty-five cents.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN NEGRO SCHOOLS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Pupils in the schools of South Carolina in which vocational agriculture is taught under the Smith-Hughes Act have an opportunity to compete for a trip to the Judging Contest between the Carolinas and Virginia with all expenses paid. The schools can also compete for \$10.00 with which to buy books for their agricultural library. The South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association is financing this essay contest. The rules and regulations are as follows:

Subjects: "Cooperative Marketing as it Affects the Cotton Farmer." Prizes to be awarded by the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association. 1st. prize. The South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association will give to the winner in the state contest railroad fare from any point in South Carolina to the city where the State Judging Contest for the Carolinas and Virginia is held this year and return, and will pay all necessary expenses for stay of two days. 2nd. prize. The sum of \$10.00 will be given by the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Association to the school



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The subject of this sketch is the second son of Andrew and Caroline Ellis and the foster son of Bishop Wm. D. Chapple. All of them have crossed the great divide. Out of five children, only a brother besides himself survives. He was educated at State College, Orangeburg, and Allen University, Columbia. He was sales agent for the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, Nashville, Tenn., for four years. All of the Southern states and three Northern states to his credit. He has been in the active ministry 25 years, beginning in 1903 and 17. His first appointment was Eastover. There he completed the work of the St. James Church. He was sent from there to Limestone Circuit. There he built one new church, remodeled two others and established a new mission. He was then assigned to the Allen Circuit. He completed the Allen Church and bought the first bell for the St. Paul church. His next appointment was Sutters Chapel, Waverly, Tenn. There he paid a large debt of the church and parsonage. Knoxville, Tenn. was his next appointment. There he bought a beautiful lot and erected a brick church at cost of \$25,000. He went from there to Fayetteville, Tenn., and built another brick church at a cost of \$15,000. While there he built the

Providence Church at Kelso, Tenn. From there he was transferred back to his home state by his request and stationed at Mt. Piggah, Greenwood. He served the circuit and built the Ebenezer Church at a cost of \$6,000, remodeled the Ebenezer church and installed gas lights in the Shiloh A. S. M. E. Church. He went from there to Newberry and remodeled the church there at a cost of \$7,000. From that church he was appointed presiding elder by Bishop John Hurst. He became the pastor of Miss Viola T. Ellis' church at S. C. He was the chief clerk of the clerical department of the A. M. E. Sunday School Union. Having taken part in the leading public schools of Tennessee and in Turner Normal College, Shelbyville, Tenn. His home is blessed with two children, Mr. M. M. Ellis, who is in the clerical department of Allen University and E. Philip, Jr., who is in the 8th grade at Booker Washington high school. The subject of this sketch has been in the General Conference since 1907. He is chairman of the publicity committee for the General Conference. Has been endorsed by his peers for General Conference consideration. He is the author of "Old Gray and the New Rider" in the Palmetto Leader. He is presiding leader of the Lancaster District and second man of the delegation of the Columbia Conference.

which has the largest number of pupils participating in the contest, this money to be used in purchasing books for the school's library and for other educational subjects.

All essays must be submitted to a committee of three judges, the name of whom will be announced later, and the winner will be announced by these judges as soon as possible.

Only those Negro schools in the State which have a Vocational Agricultural teachers will be eligible to participate in the contest.

Rules of Contest.

- 1. Who may compete: Any Negro boy or girl not over 21 years of age who has not had more than a high school education. 2. When essays must be written: On or before April 1st, 1928, in the presence of the teacher. 3. The subject shall be: Cooperative Marketing as it affects the Cotton Farmer. 4. Each essay shall not be more

than two thousand words in length. 5. Not more than three hours shall be allowed for the actual writing of the essay. 6. Essays must be written in ink or on a typewriter and on one side of the paper only. 7. Contestants shall have access to no material other than pen, ink or typewriter, and paper during the three hour period which may be devoted to the actual writing of the essay. 8. The following items should appear on the upper left hand corner of the first page of the essay:

- (a) Name and age and sex of contestant. (b) Town (Postoffice). (c) County. (d) Name of school. (e) Grade in school. (f) Name of person under whom essay was written. Name of contestant must appear on each sheet.

John P. Burgess.