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Wednesday, May 14, 1902.

**There Should be No Change.**

On Wednesday, the 21st of this month, the State Democratic Convention will meet in Columbia for the purpose of adopting a platform, revising the rules governing the primary and making such other arrangements for conducting the same which in its judgment may best subserve the welfare of the Democratic party.

Much interest is centered around the meeting of this convention as great (?) things are expected from it by the radical element of the party. Since Senator Tillman made his speech at Manning and dictated the conditions upon which candidates will be permitted to enter the primary great activity has been awakened in political circles and speculation as to the outcome is rife. There are warring elements in it. Conservatives will meet their erstwhile enemies—the Reformers—on equal footing. Radicalism will be arrayed against conservatism and the battle promises to be hot, spicy and desperately fought to the last ditch.

The Democratic party is confronted with a crisis that requires the display of the profoundest statesmanship to harmonize the differences. Thoughtful men recognize and appreciate the gravity of the situation. They realize that the struggle which is now on is not a fight between Tillman and McLaurin, but one for the concession by the party leaders of the right to give expression to individual views and freedom in thought and action in the discussion of the absorbing political issues now confronting the American people which have been brought prominently before the South by reason of the change conditions and which are vital ones for the development of the rich resources of our section. This right of individualism being made possible by the triumph of the "Reform Movement" over antiquated ideas in 1890. They are thoroughly convinced that this demand for individual freedom springs from patriotic principles which are in keeping and harmonizes with the time honored principles as well as the tenets and standards of the Democratic party, and, therefore, will not down until it is vouchsafed and secured to each individual member of the party. Recognizing this fact the conservative and broad minded element in the convention is, we take it, unwilling to jeopardize the interests of Democracy and risk a disruption by the adoption of harsh and arbitrary measures, especially so when there is no logical excuse for doing so.

We are, therefore, encouraged with the hope that the convention will reject all radical propositions tending to abridge freedom of thought and action of the individual elector in the discussion of the great issues now agitating the public mind, from the fact that a majority of the county conventions recently held in the State were either silent on the proposition to adopt an iron clad oath to support the Kansas City platform or instructed their delegates to oppose any change in the rules governing the primary election; and, also, from the further and stronger reason that there is an element in the character of liberty loving sons of South Carolina which makes it extremely obnoxious to them to support measures which are utterly abhorrent to a respectable per cent of the membership; repugnant to the fundamental principles of Democracy, and opposed to the letter and spirit of the free institutions of our republican

form of government. The present rules are amply adequate to cover all that is necessary to be covered and to meet any emergency that might arise, and there is absolutely no necessity for a change.

A movement is taking shape by a Baltimore syndicate having for its object the establishment of a line of river boats from Columbia to Georgetown. A representative of the syndicate has been in Columbia in the interest of the enterprise and claims he can put boats on the Congaree river within sixty days but does not care to do so without first obtaining assurances from the business men of the city that they would not withdraw their patronage from the boat line as soon as it had succeeded in forcing the railroads to reduce their freight charges. According to the eternal fitness of things and to be entirely consistent with their record, the opponents of progress and the commercial interests of the country should fight this new innovation on the ground that it is against the time honored principles of their granddaddies, they not having specifically advocated the establishment of this particular line of river boats. There is about as much reason and logic and consistency in opposing progress and commercialism in this case as there is in opposing them along their other lines.

Senator John L. McLaurin, while dining with a friend at the Raleigh hotel in Washington on May 9th, was the subject of offensive attention from a man named A. A. Gates, of Greenville, this State. On leaving the dining room Senator McLaurin and friend were followed to the cigar stand by Gates. Gates made for McLaurin. McLaurin received him with a blow straight from the shoulder. Gates spun around and measured his length on the floor. Friends interfered and the beligerents were separated. It is said that the difficulty was the result of a fued of long standing.

At 23 minutes of 8 o'clock, on the morning of May 11th, the Cuban flag was for the first time hoisted over Morro Castle at Havana. It was a moment of exultation for the Cubans and peans of thanksgiving and rejoicing went up from thousands of throats and hearts. The stars and stripes floated from its customary flagstaff beside the Cuban flag over the castle. The Cuban flag was the same one which was first raised over the Senate chamber, and thus another nation has been placed upon the pages of the world's history.

The Lutheran Synod of the South held very important sessions in Charleston last week. The reports of the committees having in charge the supervision of the different branches of Church work were very encouraging as they showed that its institutions and charities were in a prosperous and healthy condition. New interest was awakened in the cause of home and foreign missions, and the result of the sessions of Synod will redound to the growth of the Church, the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth.

Last week the Governor was officially notified by the Sheriff of Darlington county that he had arrested a man answering to the description of the negro who is alleged to have murdered Mrs. Jones, the wife of the section master, at Ravenel a few weeks ago. Since then the Governor has received no further information from the Sheriff of Darlington and it is not known if the negro wanted by the officers of the law has been captured or not.

As a result of the investigation of the recent trouble at Clemson by the Board of Trustees, the rebellious Sophomores have been reinstated and President Hartzog has tendered his resignation. Other members of the faculty will probably follow the example of the President.

The Southern Baptist Convention was in session in Asheville, N. C., last week. There were 3,000 delegates present, among them being a large number of South Carolinians.

**Lexington County Pension Roll.**

- CLASS B.  
A O Banks, Lexington.  
Thomas Busby, Gaston.  
V V Crim, Swansea.  
Samuel C Gantt, Seivern.  
J S Haltiwanger, Lattakoo.  
James A Derrick, Derrick.  
W T Rister, Irmo.  
A Noah Sease, Chapin.  
A O Wilson, Lexington.  
James F Wise, Gaston.
- CLASS C. NO. 1.  
Zemria Gantt, Seivern.  
Noah Hallman, Leesville.  
W S Hipp, Number.  
N W Hyler, Savilla.  
John G Kelly, Fredonia.  
E Hugh Lewis, Seivern.  
James M Lucas, Rishton.  
Wm L Miller, Seivern.  
James T Mitchell, Batesburg.  
Ira B Reynolds, Batesburg.  
John F Rish, Edmund.  
Adam Watts, Gaston.
- CLASS C. NO. 2.  
Jacob P Addy, Lattakoo.  
Wesley Alewine, Lewiedale.  
J W Amick, Derrick.  
William Attaway, Batesburg.  
D T Barr, Adair.  
J T Bryant, New Brookland.  
George A Berry, Woodford.  
Joseph H Bickley, Calla.  
Thomas Boatwright, Samaria.  
S A Bloodworth, Fredonia.  
Samuel W Bookman, Calla.  
E G Barreineau, New Brookland.  
Moses Boyer, New Brookland.  
J L Chapman, Little Mountain.  
Jacob Coogler, Hilton.  
Henry D Derrick, Savilla.  
Benson Farr, Little Mountain.  
J Hart Fulmer, Rightwell.  
Joshua Gunter, Leesville.  
James A Hook, Gaston.  
James F Huffstetler, Rightwell.  
Lemuel Hall, Samaria.  
E Hallman, Lexington.  
J D Hallman, Lexington.  
J D Harman, Lexington.  
Joseph F Harman, Lexington.  
R I N Hicks, Lexington.  
Dan A Hicks, Calla.  
J P Howell, Swansea.  
Wayne Hall, Batesburg.  
Jacob W Kazell, New Brookland.  
P S Kenady, Lewiedale.  
M L Kyzer, Adair.  
Samuel Keisler, Savilla.  
James L Kelley, New Brookland.  
Joseph D Knight, Bakersville.  
Thos W Lucas, Swansea.  
W W Long, Priceville.  
L W Lancaster, Swansea.  
R H Leaphart, Priceville.  
Sam J Metzke, Leaphart.  
J M Miller, Barrs Landing.  
J B Mills, Ella.  
Silas R Perry, New Brookland.  
Felix Poole, New Brookland.  
Jacob Price, Priceville.  
Fred Rikard, New Brookland.  
Frank Rawl, Savilla.  
J W Starns Sr., Witts Mill.  
Anderson Shealy, Barrs Landing.  
W A Shealy, New Brookland.  
Eml Sharpe, Shumperts.  
Isaiah Shealy, Barrs Landing.  
Ezra Snelgrove, Lexington.  
D M Sox, Edmund.  
W E Sox, New Brookland.  
Henry Spire, Thor.  
Jacob E Taylor, Lewiedale.  
Isom G Taylor, Irene.  
J D Taylor, Irene.  
Jas F Taylor, Pelion.  
T I Warner, Savilla.  
Wm D Wise, Sandy Run.  
William E Wells, Leesville.
- CLASS C. NO. 3.  
Frances Bundrick, Peak.  
Nancy Busby, Edmunds.  
Mittie E Courtney, Samaria.  
Ellen M Hay, Swansea.  
Rosannah E Koon, Derrick.  
R R Price, Priceville.  
Louisa Shealy, Fredonia.  
Rosanna Shealy, Derrick [Ella.]  
Catherine Son, Leesville.  
Jane A Taylor, Pelion.  
Mary Taylor, Barrs Landing.  
Mary A Wolfe, Sandy Run.  
Louisa Wessinger, Wessinger.
- CLASS C. NO. 4.  
Lucinda Alewine, Leesville.  
Marth Alewine, Lattakoo.  
M C Amick, Ella.  
Mary M Amick, Pine Ridge.  
H C Barr, Lexington.  
Sarah Ann Bouknight, Lewiedale.  
Anna C Bush, Lexington.  
Mary C Bailey, Sandy Run.  
Leonora Berry, Rishton.  
M I Boone, Lewiedale.  
Margaret C Boozer, Lexington.

- M A Bouknight, Irmo.  
Ann Cartin, Swansea.  
Mary M Clark, Clark's Mills.  
Edna Ciemons, Irene.  
Catherine Clogus, Irmo.  
Barbara L Corley, Lexington.  
Eliza C Cuzalander, Hilton.  
Martha Derrick, Lorena.  
Emeline Dickerson, Irene.  
Mary Fallaw, Batesburg.  
H M Franklow, Irene.  
Annie Frey, Barr's Landing.  
M A C Fridell, Leesville.  
Elizabeth Geiger, Lewiedale.  
E C Hallman, Priceville.  
Maria Harman, Peters.  
M F Harman, Lexington.  
Martha F Hayes, Number.  
Harriet Hunt, Calla.  
Rebecca Hutto, Macedon.  
Caroline Jefcoat, Edmund.  
Epsay Jacobs, Selma.  
Mary E Jefcoat, Witi's Mill.  
Orrie Jefcoat, Witi's Mill.  
Margaret Jumper, Swansea.  
Sarah Jumper, Priceville.  
Louisa F Koon, Spring Hill.  
Mary A Koon, Chapin.  
Rebecca Lacons, Irmo.  
Bollie Long, Chapin.  
E C Lowman, Shumperts.  
M A Martin, Pine Ridge.  
Caroline Miller, Barr's Landing.  
Martha Miller, Oakvilla.  
Jane Mills, Irene.  
Julia Monts, Hilton.  
Lou A Miller, Batesburg.  
Elizabeth Oswalt, Leesville.  
Julia Oswalt, Lewiedale.  
Mary Ann Oswalt, Leesville.  
Mary M Mack, Swansea.  
Julia C Nates, Hilton.  
J D Son, Lexington.  
Eliza Senn, Gaston.  
Marcella E Schwartz, Rightwell.  
Charlotte R Seay, Lexington.  
Marcella Sharpe, Swansea.  
Elizabeth Shealy, Fredonia.  
Eliza E Shealy, Lorena.  
Louisa C Shealy, Fredonia.  
Pollie Shealy, Summit.  
Temperance Spire, Edmund.  
Elizabeth Steel, Lorena.  
Jemima Steele, Summit.  
Nancy Stockman, Little Mountain.  
Ann Sturkie, Woodford.  
Mary M Summer, Lattakoo.  
Caroline Wingard, Summit.
- Class B get \$72.  
" C No. 1, get \$48.  
" C No. 2 and 4 get \$19 65  
" C No. 3 get \$48.

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Rev. J. Thomas Pate, D. D., an able and prominent member of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, died at his home in Florence last week, after suffering several years with consumption. This makes ten members of the Conference who have been called to their eternal reward since the annual session in Columbia last December.

On the recommendation of President Roosevelt Congress has appropriated the sum of \$500,000 for the relief of the sufferers in the great calamity in the West Indies. The prompt action taken by Congress in this matter will meet with the approval of the country at large.

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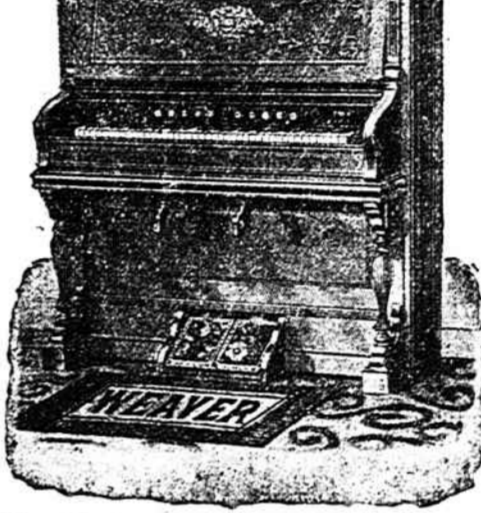
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