

STATE CONVENTION SAFEGUARDS PRIMARY

Body By Overwhelming Majority Votes to Throw Restrictions About Elections in South Carolina— Special Provisions for Charleston—New Party Constitution and Rules.

Columbia, May 21.—A new enrollment of Democrats in every club throughout the State, the applicant to apply in person to the secretary of his club and sign the roll, all club rolls to be closed thirty days before the first primary and sent to the county committee, which are to purge them and file a certified copy with the Clerk of Court, requiring a residence of two years in the State, six months in the county and sixty days in the voting precinct, are prominent features of the new rules adopted by the State Democratic Convention in session here to-day to reform and safeguard primary elections.

Special provisions and stringent regulations were made for Charleston to guard against any possibility of fraud or irregularity. The Charleston regulations call for the books to be closed sixty days before the first primary and be filed with the Clerk of Court. In Charleston books of enrollment are to open on the third Thursday in May, and each application blank properly witnessed, which sets forth that he is a citizen of the United States and has resided in Charleston one year, giving residence and street number, age and height.

New Constitution and Rules.

The constitution and rules as adopted to-day follow:

1. At the convention of the Democratic party of the State of South Carolina, begun and holden at Columbia on the 20th day of May, in the year 1914, the following rules are ordained and established in place of the constitution and rules heretofore in force, which are hereby declared null and void.

Meaning of Words.

2. The words and phrases used in these rules shall, unless the same be plainly inconsistent with the context, be construed as follows:

(1) "County committee" means the county executive committee.

(2) "County chairman" means the chairman of the county executive committee.

(3) "State committee" means the State executive committee.

(4) "State chairman" means the chairman of the State executive committee.

(5) "Primary" means the primary election of the party.

(6) "General election" means the general election, whether for United States or State or county offices.

(7) "Club district" means the territory set apart for each Democratic club, whether it be a ward or township or a sub-division thereof.

(8) "The party" means the Democratic party of South Carolina.

(9) "Rules" means this constitution and rules (except in Section 1, where the term means the constitution and rules formerly in effect).

(10) "Inhabitants" means the number of inhabitants according to the Federal census last taken.

Clubs.

3. One or more clubs shall be organized in each township or ward, except as hereinafter provided, each of which clubs shall have a distinct title, "The _____ Democratic Club," and shall elect a president and one or more vice presidents, a secretary and a treasurer, and may 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.

In the absence of the secretary or in case of his inability to act, unless it is otherwise provided in these rules, he shall designate another member of the club to perform the duties.

4. The president or five members shall have power to call all special meetings of the club (except for reorganization, provided for in the succeeding sections), and at all special meetings one-tenth of the members shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, of which meeting at least 48 hours' public notice shall be given.

5. The clubs shall meet on the fourth Saturday in April of each election year for reorganization. Provided, that the county committee may name any other day within the same week for such club meeting by giving at least two weeks' notice by advertisement in one or more county papers. In case any existing club shall fail to reorganize on the day fixed, the county committee may fix a day for such club to meet for reorganization by giving two weeks' notice, as provided in this section.

6. The qualifications for membership in any club of the party in this State, and for voting at a primary

shall be as follows, viz.: The applicant for membership, or voter, shall be 21 years of age, or shall become so before the succeeding general election, and be a white Democrat. He shall be a citizen of the United States and of this State. No person shall belong to any club or vote in any primary unless he has resided in the State two years and in the county six months prior to the succeeding general election and in the club district 60 days prior to the first primary following his offer to enroll. Provided that public school teachers and ministers of the Gospel of a regular organized church shall be exempt from the provisions of this section, if otherwise qualified.

7. Every negro applying for membership in a Democratic club, or offering to vote in a primary, must produce a written statement of ten reputable white men, who shall swear that they know of their own knowledge that the applicant or voter voted for Gen. Hampton in 1876, and has voted the Democratic ticket continuously since. The said statement shall be placed in the ballot box by the managers, and returned with the poll lists to the county chairman. The managers of election shall keep a separate list of the names of all negro voters.

8. (a) In cities of over 10,000 inhabitants one or more clubs shall be organized in each of the wards. Each ward shall be a club district.

(b) In cities or towns of less than 10,000 inhabitants the county committee may authorize the consolidation of two or more wards to form a club district, and where townships are embraced in whole or in part in such cities or towns, the county committee may permit the voters residing in such townships to belong to a club located in such town or city and to vote in such city or town in the club nearest to their respective residences, calculated by the nearest practicable route. Provided, no person shall be enrolled or vote out of the county in which he resides. In cities or towns which are not divided into wards the county committee may designate the extent of the club district. Each territory so designated for a club shall be its club district.

(c) In all other cases the voter must enroll in the club nearest his place of residence, calculated by the nearest practicable route, and can vote only at the voting place of such club and the territory included by this roll shall be considered the club district of such club.

(d) No person shall be enrolled in any club or take part in any club meeting or vote in any primary or be elected a delegate to the county convention, except in the club district in which he resides.

(e) There shall be in no case more than one voting place for each club. No club shall have less than 25 members. Provided, however, that any county committee may permit the organization of a club of less than 25 members at inaccessible points where there are less than 25 voters.

9. No person shall vote except at the voting place authorized by the county committee for the club to which he belongs. Provided, that if he remove from a club district within sixty days prior to the first primary he may vote in the year in which he moved in the club district in which he previously resided, provided further that he must have enrolled before the closing of the club list.

10. State and county officers temporarily residing at or near the capital or near the county seat may retain their membership and voting rights in their former home clubs if they so desire.

In case of the mobilization of the National Guard of this State, the State committee shall provide for the enrollment and voting of all members of the National Guard qualified to vote under this constitution and rules.

11. Books of enrollment for voting in primary elections shall be opened by the secretary of each club, or by the enrollment committee as hereinafter provided, on or before the second Tuesday in June in each election year. Notice thereof shall be given by the county chairman showing the names of the clubs, the boundaries of the club district when the clubs are in cities or towns or adjacent thereto, the names of the enrollment committee, such other information as the county chairman may desire to give, and where the books are to be opened. Thereafter no new clubs shall be organized in that election year. Each applicant for enrollment shall in person write upon the club roll his full name and

immediately thereafter his age, occupation and post office address, and if in a city or town shall write the name of the street and the number of the house in which he resides if such designations exist in said city or town. If the name be illegible the secretary shall write the name beneath the signature of the applicant. In the event of the inability of the applicant to write he may make his mark upon the roll, which shall be witnessed by the secretary, or other person then having the custody thereof, and the secretary shall fill in the other requirements. The county committee shall furnish to the secretaries suitable books for enrollment. Provided, that nothing in this section or these rules shall be construed as inconsistent with any laws of the State regulating primary elections; and provided, further, that the county committee shall on the first Monday in June, 1914, or as soon thereafter as possible, appoint for each club an enrollment committee of three which may consist of the secretary and county committeeman from the said club, and a third member to be designated by the county committee, by whom said enrollment shall be conducted. The enrollment book shall be kept in the custody of the secretary or at such place as shall be designated by the enrollment committee. The club roll shall be open to inspection by any member of the party.

Section Twelve.

On the last Tuesday in July in each election year, which shall be the last day of enrollment, the club books shall close, and within three days thereafter each secretary shall transmit the original roll to the county chairman, who shall forthwith cause a copy to be made, and shall certify a copy thereof, and file the same with the clerk of the court for public inspection at all times.

At least ten days before the first primary the county committee shall meet after three days' published notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county of time and place of meeting and examine the rolls. Persons may complain of errors therein, and the county committee, after hearing complaints, shall, in a fair and impartial manner, correct and purge the rolls, striking off the names of all persons not residing in the club district for which each roll was made up, or otherwise improperly omitted. Provided, no name shall be stricken from any club roll without three days' notice by mail to the address appearing on the club roll to the person whose name is proposed to be dropped from the roll to show cause why said name should not be dropped.

When said rolls have been revised and corrected by the said county committee they shall be certified to and returned to the respective secretaries of each club and shall thereupon become the official club rolls, and no names shall be added thereafter except by the order of a judge of competent jurisdiction.

Upon the completion of said revision the county chairman shall immediately file in the office of the clerk of court a list, duly certified by him, of all names added or dropped from said roll, with the age, place of residence and occupation, which list shall be preserved by the clerk, along with the duplicate roll on file in his office, and any person may there inspect said rolls and list of corrections at all times.

The original roll shall be returned to the secretary of each club, and by him delivered to the managers of the primary election before the hour of opening the polls, and no person shall be allowed to vote at said election whose name does not appear on said original roll, as herein required. The managers of election shall return said rolls to the secretary of the club immediately after the counting of the votes and the declaration of the result, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Provided, that if the original club roll be lost or miscarried, a copy of the duplicate filed in the clerk's office, duly certified to by him, shall be used in place of the original.

Special Provision for Charleston.

15. Provided, however, that within the city limits of all cities of over 40,000 inhabitants the following provisions shall obtain:

A new enrollment shall be made every election year, beginning on the third Thursday in May of said year, and closing 60 days before the primary.

No name shall be entered on a club roll unless the applicant shall have filed with the secretary of the proper club, at least 66 days before the primary, an application on the following form, properly signed and returned:

I, _____, hereby certify that I am a native (naturalized) citizen of the United States; that I have been a resident of the State of South Carolina since _____ (one year previous to date of primary); that I am a citizen of said State, or I have been a resident of said State with the bona fide intention of be-

coming a citizen of said State; that I am a resident of _____, living at No. _____ street, in said city; that I am _____ years of age, _____ feet, _____ inches in height, and I hereby apply for enrollment in Club _____, Ward _____.

Witness: _____
Name: _____
Residence: _____

The residence, age and height of each voter shall be recorded opposite the name of the applicant on the club roll.

14. The secretary of each ward club shall, within 48 hours of the receipt of an application in the above form, enter the name of said applicant upon the club roll, provided he is satisfied that the application is bona fide, and his signature is genuine. If he is not satisfied of this, he shall at once, not later than 48 hours after its receipt, transmit the application to the secretary of the county committee.

15. The county committee shall have all of the names of applicants, whose applications have been thus transmitted to it, together with the name of the witness to each application published. It shall also call upon each of said applicants in said publication to appear at a fixed time and place to show why his name should be enrolled. All names which the county committee, or any subcommittee thereof appointed for this purpose, decide are entitled to enrollment shall be sent back to the respective secretaries and by them entered upon the respective club rolls.

16. If the county committee shall give ample opportunity within the 60 days during which the club rolls are filed with the county auditor for filing and hearing complaints of the enrollment of those not entitled to vote in the approaching primary, the name complained of, the witnesses to the application and the party complaining, together with the time fixed for the hearing, which shall not be within three days of the publication, shall all be published in the daily newspapers of that city.

17. The committee, through a subcommittee appointed for that purpose, shall, after giving opportunity for answering all complaints, make up a "challenge list" of those in its judgment not entitled to vote in the approaching primary, and shall file with the managers of each polling precinct so many of said names as shall appear on the rolls constituting the registered list or lists of voters at said polling precinct. One of the managers to be designated by the chairman of the county committee shall challenge any one offering to vote in any of said names and shall place the ballot in an envelope, indorsing thereon the name of the voter and of himself, and the ballot shall be kept separate and not counted, but turned over to the county committee as hereinafter provided in Section 40.

18. The chairman of the subcommittee above referred to shall appear before the county committee at its hearing on the subject of challenged votes, and state the objections which have been made with reference to each name in which a challenged vote on the "challenge list" has been cast.

19. The clubs shall meet in the fourth week in April of each election year for reorganization on such day and at such hour as the county committee shall determine, due advertisement thereof being given at least two weeks in advance. The place of said meeting shall be published at least 48 hours previous to the meeting by the president of each club. Upon the failure of any club president to publish said notice, then the place shall be named and published by the chairman of the county committee.

19-A. The county committee, of counties containing such cities may require the use of the Australian ballot system, in whole or in part, within the said city limits.

County Convention.

20. Every general election year county conventions shall be called by the county committee to meet on the first Monday in May, at the county seat. The convention shall be composed of delegates elected from the clubs in the county, one delegate for every 25 members, and one delegate for a majority fraction thereof, based upon the number of votes polled in the first primary of the preceding election year. The lists of delegates certified to by the president and secretary of each club shall constitute the temporary roll of the convention. The number of delegates for new clubs shall be based upon their enrollment at the time of the club meeting.

21. Each county convention shall be called to order by the county chairman and the convention shall proceed to elect a temporary president, a temporary secretary and a committee of credentials for the purpose of organizing. When organized it shall elect a permanent president, a secretary and a treasurer. It shall also elect the county chairman and

as many delegates to the State Convention as double the number of members the county in which the convention is held has in the General Assembly. The secretary of the convention shall keep a record of its proceedings in the minute book.

22. In the event that the county committee has refused to permit the formation of a new club in any ward or township, such refusal may be appealed from to the county convention, which may permit the formation of the new club desired, but no such club shall be allowed any representation in that calendar year.

State Committee.

23. The State committee shall be composed of one member from each county, to be elected by the county conventions and the State chairman, to be elected by the State convention. The State committee shall choose its other officers, not necessarily members thereof. Provided that the chairman shall vote only in case of a tie. The State committee shall meet at the call of the chairman or any five members and at such time and place as he or they may appoint. The member of the National Democratic executive committee from South Carolina shall be elected by the May State Convention in 1916, and every four years thereafter, and when elected shall be ex-officio a member of the State committee. Vacancies on said State committee by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the respective county committees. The State committee is charged with the execution and direction of the policy of the party of this State, subject to these rules, the principles declared in the platform of principles

such instruction, by resolution or otherwise, as a State Convention may from time to time adopt, not inconsistent with these rules, and shall continue in office two years from the time of election, or until their successors have been elected. The committee shall nominate Presidential electors and if any vacancy occur in the State ticket of electors, or of the national executive committee, by death, resignation or other cause, the committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy; all by majority of the whole committee.

State Convention.

24. The State Convention shall be called by the State committee to meet at Columbia every general election year on the third Wednesday in May. The convention shall be composed of delegates elected by the county conventions, each county to be entitled to as many delegates as double the number of its members in the General Assembly. When the State convention assembles it shall be called to order by the chairman of the State committee. A temporary president shall be nominated and elected by the convention and after its organization the convention shall proceed immediately to the election of permanent officers and to the transaction of business. When the business has concluded it shall adjourn sine die.

25. The officers of the State Convention shall be a president, vice president from each Congressional district, two secretaries and a treasurer.

26. Each county delegation to a State Convention shall have power to fill any vacancy therein.

27. Any county failing or refusing to organize under the provisions of these rules shall not have representation in the State Democratic Convention.

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Child Cross? Feverish? Sick?

A cross, peevish, listless child, with coated tongue, pale, doesn't sleep; eats sometimes very little, then again ravenously; stomach sour; breath fetid; pains in stomach, with diarrhoea; grinds teeth while asleep, and starts up with terror—all suggest a worm killer—something that expels worms, and almost every child has them. Kickapoo Worm Killer is needed. Get a box to-day. Start at once. You won't have to coax, as Kickapoo Worm Killer is a candy confection. Expels the worms, the cause of your child's trouble. 25c. at your druggist.—Adv.

Radium-Bearing Ores Discovered.

Washington, May 21.—Information reached the Pan-American Union here to-day of the discovery of radium-bearing ores in Salvador. The deposits were located at Cerro Pelon, Sensuntepeque, in northern Salvador, by an English engineer and analysis of samples, it is stated, gave undoubted evidences of radium. Engineers are carrying on research work in Salvador in the hope of finding other deposits of radium.

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MOTOR CAR TURNS TURTLE.

W. T. Finch and Mrs. M. E. Amos Injured Near Spartanburg.

Spartanburg, May 20.—W. T. Finch, proprietor of the Finch Hotel, and Mrs. Mary E. Amos were painfully but not seriously injured, and other members of an automobile party were scratched and bruised, when the car in which they were returning from a fishing trip at Inman turned turtle near Campton Monday evening.

The accident occurred at a sharp turn in the road. Mr. Finch, who was steering, lost control of the car. When he attempted to stop it he manipulated the wrong lever, with the result that the machine climbed the side of an embankment at a high speed and then turned over, throwing the passengers out. The damage to the machine amounted to several hundred dollars.

ROWING CHILDREN.

They Should Be Protected Against Internal Uncleanliness as Well as External Contamination.

The delicate organs of the maturing child are more susceptible to the influence of disease and infection than are the more seasoned organs of grown-ups. Malaria takes an early and strong hold on the child's liver and causes headaches, coated tongue, indigestion, cramps and many other dangerous conditions.

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Fifty cents purchases a large bottle at Bell's Drug Store under the absolute guarantee that the price will be returned without quibble if you want it.—Adv.

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San Diego, Cal., May 21.—A new dirigible balloon which will carry fifteen passengers, a crew of five, three machine guns and a supply of bombs will be imported from Austria for experimental purposes, officers of the First Aero Corps here say.

Lieut. Thos. D. Milling, recently returned from Vienna, recommended the balloon's purchase. It will cost \$100,000.

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Oceonee Rural Carriers to Picnic.

The Oceonee rural letter carriers will hold their annual picnic Saturday, May 30th, 1914, at the Tunnel.

At this meeting we elect officers for the ensuing year and delegates to the State meeting.

All carriers and subs are urgently requested to be present. Postmasters and assistants are cordially invited.

Respectfully,
Ben Harper, Secretary.

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