

A telegram from Camden states that Col. L. W. Blair, the Greenback candidate for Governor two years ago, was killed yesterday by a rifle shot by Mr. James H. E. in self-defense. Blair went with rifle on Saturday to prevent Hale from organizing a Democratic Club, and was driven off by Hale. He renewed the difficulty Tuesday, and was killed. The Legislature adjourned a little after day-break this morning. E. B. M.

DOUBLING THE REPRESENTATION.

The Democratic Convention called to meet on the first Monday of August next for the purpose of nominating candidates for the State offices, will be composed of delegates from each County equal to twice the number of members allowed to each County in both branches of the General Assembly. This will give to Anderson ten delegates, double the number to which the County was heretofore entitled. We regard this action of the State Executive Committee in increasing the representation of the Counties in the Convention as wise. It will tend to popularize the Convention, bring it nearer home to the great body of the people, and give to its decisions an influence and authority which a smaller body could not do. We will soon enter upon the most important canvass for State and County officers and members to the Legislature which has occurred since the war. It will be to comparatively little purpose that we succeeded in 1876 if we lose all in 1882. Our success depends upon our union, for if united as in the three last campaigns, we will be successful. Nothing can defeat us but discord in the party. The efforts made to produce discord have proved a miserable failure. The people cannot be deceived as to the true issues presented. They know the questions at issue are not, Shall we have a stock law or no stock law, registration or no registration, greenback or an national currency? but that the one all-important question upon which they must pass, is, shall the virtuous, honest and upright people of the State govern it, or shall it be governed by the most ignorant and corrupt, and again become the prey of thieves and corrupt office-holders. Knowing this, and having for eight years felt the insufferable evils of such a government, no issues, not even greenbackism or independence, can blind them as to the true issues in the approaching election. We have no doubt that this action of the Executive Committee in giving increased popular representation in the Convention will remove all discord, and unite and harmonize the party, and thereby insure a successful campaign. We print below the circular sent to the several Counties:

ROOMS OF THE STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 29, 1882.

The State Democratic Executive Committee having determined by resolution that the Convention of the Democratic party called to meet on the first day of August next be composed of delegates from each County equal to twice the number of members allowed to each County in both branches of the General Assembly, the several County Chairmen of the State are hereby notified of the action of the committee, and are requested to take such steps as may be necessary to carry the same into effect.

JAMES F. ISLAW, Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee.

J. P. THOMAS, JR., Secretary.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 4, 1882.

The extra session of the Legislature will close to-morrow in time for the members from the various parts of the State to return to their homes, either on regular or special trains, and there is general rejoicing at the prospect of getting home. The weather has been excessively hot, and the session uneventful, so that there is very little here to interest the legislative mind or induce it to tarry long, particularly as many of the members are candidates for re-election, and the canvasses in the various Counties are progressing very actively, so that the "other fellows" would have the decided advantage if the incumbent statesmen were to remain away from home for any great length of time.

The whole business of the present session has been transacted in caucus, and has been dispatched with unusual speed. No business was admitted at all, except matters of a political nature, and a bill to extend the time for the registration of physicians. Messrs. Murray and Rucker earnestly sought to secure the passage of an Act to validate the bonds subscribed by the City of Anderson to the Savannah Valley Railroad, but there were so many other local matters pressed from other parts of the State that the Legislature would not transcend the rule to let any of them in. This session will pass eight Acts, as follows:

1. The Act to redistrict the State, which is based upon the plan originally conceived by Gen. Dibble, and amended by Col. Simonton, by which it is thought under the operation of the election law six Congressmen can be elected by the Democrats, who will certainly have a registered majority in five out of the seven districts. The following indicates the districts with a comparison of the white and colored population in each district, taken by Counties and parts of Counties:

First District, composed of parts of Charleston and Berkeley, to wit: The Parish of St. Philip's and St. Michael's, Mount Pleasant, Moultrieville, St. James Consociate (between the Ashley River and the South Carolina Railway and below Colleton) and the town of Sumnerville; part of Colleton County, embracing the townships of Bell's Burn's, Cardorchester, George's, Ginhaw, Heyward, Keltzer, Sherrill, and Velder; part of Orangeburg County, embracing the South Edisto and Four Hole Swamp, being the Fork of Edisto and Middle Orange; and the County of Lexington. Population—White, 68,780. Black, 68,119.

Second District, composed of Hampton County, part of Colleton County embracing Broxton and Warren townships; Barnwell, Aiken and Edgefield Counties. Population—White, 59,411. Black, 83,239.

Third District, composed of Abbeville, Newberry, Anderson, Pickens and Oconee Counties. Population—White, 63,635. Black, 70,400.

Fourth District, composed of Greenville, Spartanburg and Countee except Cherokee and Lincolnton townships; Laurens County, Union County except Goudeysville and Draytonville, Fairfield County and that part of Richland County embracing Upper Columbia and Centre townships. Population—White, 78,761. Black, 87,823.

Fifth District, composed of York, Chester and Lancaster Counties, part of Union County embracing Goudeysville and Draytonville, part of Spartanburg County embracing Cherokee and Lincolnton townships and Chesterfield and Kershaw Counties. Population—White, 55,612. Black, 66,793.

Sixth District, composed of Clarendon County and that part of Williamsburg County embracing the Town of Kingstree, Sumter Township, Lee's Lake and Kinross's Townships, and Darlington, Marlboro, Marion and Horry Counties. Population—White, 67,557. Black, 64,327.

Seventh District, composed of Georgetown County, all of Williamsburg County except the town of Kingstree, Sumter, Lee's Lake and Kinross's Townships, Sumter County, that part of Richland County embracing Lower township, that part of Orangeburg County embracing Anelia, Lyons, Pine Grove, Goodleys, Poplar, Providence and Vance's Townships, all of the Counties of Charleston and Berkeley not in the First District, part of Colleton County, embracing Lake, Lowndes, Frazier, Adams' Run, Collins and Glover Townships, and all of Beaufort County. Population—White, 31,579. Black, 15,487.

The Act to Amend the election law, which is as follows:

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That Section 91, title II, Part I, of the General Statutes, entitled "Of Elections," be, and the same is hereby amended so that the officers named therein, by a clerical error, as Assistant Supervisors of Elections, shall be known as Assistant Supervisors of Registration, and the persons heretofore appointed as such Supervisors shall be the Assistant Supervisors of Registration, and any act or acts heretofore done by them under the said Section, as such Supervisors, shall be, and the same are hereby declared valid and effectual, as if the said persons had been named and appointed as Assistant Supervisors of Registration; and that the clerical error in said Section requiring them to sit as such Supervisors of Elections, be corrected by substituting the word "Registration" for the word "Election."

SECTION 2. That any person interfering with or obstructing any Supervisor of Registration, or his assistant, in the discharge of his duty, or who is guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned not less than six months nor more than two years.

SECTION 3. That Section 121, be, and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto as follows: "All County Boards of Canvassers, whether for State or Federal elections, shall have the power, and it is made their duty, as judicial officers, to decide all cases under protest or contest that may arise, subject to appeal to the Board of State Canvassers, who shall sit and act in all such matters as judicial officers."

SECTION 4. That Section 137 be amended, in line 2, by striking out the word "ten" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fifty"; so that the Section as amended shall read, "The Board shall have power to adjourn from day to day for a term not exceeding fifteen days."

SECTION 5. That Section 98 be amended by adding thereto the following: "Whenever a new ballot is published by law, it shall be the duty of the Supervisor of Registration to transfer from the books of registration the names of such qualified voters, registered at other precincts, as shown under this Act, register and vote at the new precinct established by law, and who may request such transfer, and to make such changes as may be necessary in the certificates of registration issued to such voters, and such voters shall appear in person only at such precincts to which they have been thus transferred."

SECTION 6. It shall not be lawful for the managers to count any ballot upon which there shall appear the name of any office or the name of any person in connection with any office other than the office for which the box in which such ballot is found is provided.

SECTION 7. That the action of the Governor in appointing a Supervisor of Registration for the County of Berkeley be confirmed, and the said Supervisor be paid the same compensation as the Supervisors of Counties other than Charleston.

SECTION 8. This Act shall go into effect from and immediately after the date of its approval.

3. A Joint Resolution authorizing by amendment to the Constitution the formation of new Counties by Act of the Legislature, provided that no County shall contain less than four hundred square miles, or less than one hundred and twenty-fourth part of the population of the State, which would at present be a little over eight thousand people.

4. A Joint Resolution authorizing the Legislature to fix the time of all State elections so as to afford the opportunity to fix the State and Federal elections on different days.

5. The Appropriation Act.

6. The Act to extend the time for registering physicians, which extends the time indefinitely, but debar from practice until the registration is completed.

7. The Act making some alterations in the election precincts. By this Act the precincts of Brushy Creek and White Plains in Anderson County have been abolished.

The Registration law has worked better, than was even expected by its friends, and everywhere the Democrats are delighted with its result. There is a very small black majority registered, if any at all. All of the Counties have not yet been heard from, but it would not be surprising if the State has a clear white majority under the registration laws.

The political contest is more than ever in doubt, and it would require a good prophet to forecast what the August Convention will do. The State Executive Committee has doubled the number of delegates, and hence it will be the largest Convention the party has ever held, and its action will be more nearly the work of the people. Mr. Sheppard, for Lieutenant Governor, Col. Thompson for State Treasurer, Col. Richardson for Superintendent of Education, and Gen. Mangault for Adjutant and Inspector General will have no opposition. They are all strong and able men, who will make efficient officers, and add

greatly to the popularity and success of the ticket. Col. Simpson, of our delegation, has been sick during the greater part of the session, but is now better. The other members of the delegation are well. E. B. M.

We devote a considerable portion of our space this week in giving to our readers a full account of the execution of Guitau on Friday. Every conceivable effort was made to save him from the just punishment which his great crime merited, but without success. There may be some diversity of public opinion as to the extent of his insanity, but very few regarded him as so demented that he was unconscious of what he was doing, or that he did not know he was committing a great crime, and the overall lining weight of public sentiment was that he ought to die. Very little sympathy is felt for him in any section of the country, and Guitau will soon be forgotten. The terrible consequences of his foul deed remain to afflict the country.

His avowed purpose in killing Garfield was to thwart the will of the majority of his party, crush the liberal element in it and re-establish the stalwarts in power. In this he has for the present succeeded. Garfield's administration was the fairest and most conservative one we have had since 1869. It promised to give justice to all sections of the country and reunite this great nation under common laws and a common Constitution. When Garfield died the nation mourned; there was no South, no North, no East, no West, but one people weeping over the bier of their dead President. His administration evinced patriotism and statesmanship, ignoring sectional animosities, and all sections were looking to his administration to re-establish concord to a country distracted by partisan and sectional administration of the government. Under these circumstances the country looked with deep interest to the incoming administration and yet with many misgivings. Arthur's administration, thus far, has been weak, partisan and sectional, disappointing the expectations of all except the stalwart element of his own party. Guitau's crime was directed against his country, and that country approves the sentence which doomed him to an ignominious death and consigns his name to an ignominy surpassed only by the atrocity of his crime.

GUTEAU ON THE GALLOWS.

The end of the Issue Assessor of the President—A Sleepless Night—A Hearty Breakfast and Then a Preparation for the Dread Ordeal—The Prisoner Indulges in a Bath to Pass Away the Time—His Conversation on the Scaffold—His Programme Carried Out to the Letter.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(T. S. JAIL, 2:45 a. m.)—Guitau was very nervous during most of the latter part of the night, not sleeping more than twenty minutes at a time. Towards morning he fell into a sound sleep from which he awoke at five and breakfasted heartily. At 9:30, when the cook took his breakfast to the cell, Guitau told him to bring his dinner in at 11 o'clock promptly.

When Dr. Hicks, who remained in the jail all night, was called into the prisoner's cell soon after he rose and had a conversation on religious subjects with him. At 8 o'clock Dr. Hicks saw the prisoner again, when he made a request to have a bath and asked the reverend gentleman to go out and see the scaffold. Guitau desired him to arrange for the scaffold to have the trap sprung as soon after 12 o'clock as possible. He also expressed his desire to see the execution, and insisted that Dr. Hicks should see that the scaffold and its appurtenances were all in proper and safe condition. After Guitau had disposed of these matters he read a poem composed by himself, which he calls "Simplicity, or the Simplicity of a Slave." After reading it down in the effort, which would have appeared quite ridiculous if the occasion had been less solemn.

Guitau then talked for some time about his future. He remarked that his books all complimentary remarks about President Arthur and his administration. He then presented to Dr. Hicks the books that have been the companions of his lonely hours. He told Dr. Hicks that he wanted him to offer the first prayer on the scaffold, saying that he (Guitau) would then read his favorite Scripture passage (the 10th chapter of the book of Isaiah), and would read to him a prayer on his behalf, and that he intended to recite to him a poem "Simplicity." He desired to have the execution so arranged that he might see the last word of the drop should be sprung.

John W. Guitau arrived at the jail at 9 o'clock and was followed in a few minutes by Warden Crocker, the other gentlemen, with Dr. Hicks, were in consultation as to the disposition of the body.

At 9:15 the prisoner came out into the corridor and exercised for fifteen minutes, and then returned to his cell, making it rather difficult for his guards to keep pace with him. Guitau generally has his exercise in his shirt and drawers, and his trousers, however, he wears a pair of dark pants and had a handkerchief tied loosely about his neck.

The scene about the jail this morning is unique. The outer walls are thronged completely to the large crowd of newspaper reporters, and a squad of soldiers with fixed bayonets on their rifles, and a line of police, with their rifles fixed to their rifles, were all around the jail. Many of the newspaper reporters remained all night. The private office of the Warden was transformed temporarily into a telegraph office, and before nine o'clock eight instruments were clicking a merry accompaniment to the gloomy preparations going on inside the jail.

At nine o'clock there was a constant stream of persons coming into the jail. The scene outside was like that of some great gala occasion. Some enterprising colored men had erected booths, from which they dispensed lemonades, from which they dispensed lemonades, and other refreshments to the weary and thirsty people, who began before nine o'clock to assemble in the road in front of the jail.

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