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Proceedings of the Democratic Convention.

FIRST DAY'S WORK. COLUMBIA, August, 15.

The Democratic State Convention met at 8 o'clock, to-night, in the hall of the House of Representatives.

The meeting was called to order by Gen. Jas Connor, chairman of the State Executive Committee, upon whose motion Col Jas A Hoyt, of Anderson was elected temporary chairman.

In taking the chair Col Hoyt returned his thanks for the honor done him, and expressed the hope that the proceedings of the body would be governed by unity and harmony.

Messrs. Gaston, of Chester, and Henderson, of Aiken, were elected temporary secretaries.

The Rev. A. C. Stepp, of Greenville, opened the proceedings with prayer. A call of the counties was made, and every county was found to be represented by a full delegation.

The vote resulted as follows: Harlee, 78, Simonton, 65. By counties, the vote was as follows: For Simonton—Charleston 19, Chester 4, Darlington 4, Fairfield 4, Georgetown 3, Abbeville 4, Barnwell 2, Beaufort 5, Clarendon 2, Lancaster 1, Lexington 1, Orangeburg 6, Spartanburg 2, Sumter 4, Union 3, York 2.

On motion of Col Simonton, a committee of three, consisting of Simonton, ex-Governor Manning and Gen Hagood, was appointed to conduct Gen Harlee to the chair.

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that the nomination of a State ticket will be made to-morrow, with Gen. Hampton as the candidate for Governor. A careful count of the delegates shows that about 80 are for immediate nomination and about 65 for postponement.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS. August 16.

The Convention met this morning at 11 o'clock. The committee on rules submitted a series of rules similar to those which usually govern parliamentary bodies, with some slight modifications.

Col Cothran, of Abbeville, introduced a series of resolutions, declaring it to be the sense of the Convention that they should nominate a straight-out Democratic ticket.

Maj Barker, of Charleston, suggested that the resolution did not meet a question as to which there was a difference of opinion. Many delegates were under instructions to vote for the postponement of nominations, but under no instructions as to the character of the nominations.

An amendment was then offered by Col Rion of Fairfield, declaring that it was inexpedient for the Convention at this time to go into a nomination.

Gen. Conner moved that the debate on the resolution be held in secret session. Adopted. Col Davis, of Charleston, moved that the reporters of the Press be permitted to remain, provided they pledged themselves to publish nothing that transpired, except with the approval of the president of the Convention.

It was half-past 11 o'clock when the Convention went into secret session, and the doors remained closed until half past 6, with a recess of about one hour for dinner. The debate is said to have been long and exciting, but was conducted in the best spirit.

Gen Butler then arose and nominated Gen Wade Hampton for Governor amid the cheers of the delegates.

Robert Aldrich, of Barnwell, seconded the nomination in an eloquent speech, in which he paid a glowing tribute to his virtues and accomplishments of Gen Hampton.

At this point Gen Hampton took the stand and addressed the convention and then withdrew. Col Rion, of Fairfield, arose to make a nomination.

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Mr. Smith, of Charleston, moved to table the motion, and take the vote by ballot.

The vote was then taken by acclamation, and Gen. Hampton received the unanimous vote of the Convention.

On motion of Robert Aldrich, of Barnwell, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Aldrich, Baker and Butler, were appointed to formally notify Gen. Hampton of his nomination, and to report to-morrow.

The Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. During the secret session a number of resolutions were referred, without being read, to a committee of one from each county.

To-morrow the nominations will be made for the other State officers, and a platform will be adopted. The names most prominently talked of to-night for Lieutenant-Governor are Chancellor Johnson, of Marion, and Col. W. D. Simpson, of Laurens.

The Circuit and Congressional Conventions will meet to-morrow morning. For Solicitor of the Charleston Circuit W. St. J. Jervy and R. Chisolm, Jr., of Charleston, and W. J. DeTrville, of Orangeburg, are mentioned as candidates.

Latest.—The Conventions for the Seventh and Eighth Circuits were held to-night. Maj. B. W. Ball, of Laurens, was nominated for solicitor of the Seventh Circuit, and Col. J. S. Cothran for solicitor of the Eighth Circuit.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Democratic convention completed its work this morning by the nomination of the following for state office: For Lieutenant-Governor—W. D. Simpson, of Laurens.

Adjutant and Inspector-General—C. H. Moise, of Sumter. Attorney-General—James Connor, of Charleston.

Secretary of State—R. M. Sims, of York. State Treasurer—S. L. Leaphart, of Columbia.

Superintendent of Education—Hugh S. Thompson, of Columbia. Comptroller General—Johnson Hagood, of Barnwell.

General Hampton formally accepted the nomination for governor in a short speech. The Convention then adjourned sine die.

EDGEFIELD IN A TURMOIL.

THE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS MET IN JOINT DEBATE—TWO ACCOUNTS OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE DAY.

In order that the misapprehension which is abroad concerning the ratification meeting held at Edgefield Court House, on Monday last, may be corrected, we publish in to-day's NEWS AND TIMES possibly as full and truthful account of the incidents and events of the day, as will ever be given to the public.

From the News and Courier, 14th inst. AIKEN, S. C., August 13.—In accordance with instructions, I went over to Edgefield C. H. yesterday to report the Republican meeting at that place.

Not one mounted Democrat appeared at the platform. On the contrary, they were all dismounted when the Republican procession arrived on the ground, and the whites stood on the right and front of the stand and the blacks on the left; throughout the entire meeting not the slightest attempt being made to disturb the colored auditors either by word or deed.

About this time the stand came down with a crash, but was replaced, and General Butler replied to the Governor. He made a very bitter speech, speaking out boldly his opinion of the Governor. He said that Small and the Governor had denounced him as a leader of Ku Klux and

regulators. If they had made this statement, believing it to be true, he was there, face to face, and defied them to prove it. If they did not rise and prove it, they stood confessed liars. No proof was offered. Judge Mackey next spoke, endorsing Governor Chamberlain, and holding that he could do more for the Democrats than one of their own party.

At this point the stand fell flat, prostrating every one upon it except General Butler, who remained perched upon the only point left standing. This mishap was received by the Democrats with cheer after cheer, as significant that Radicals would go down and the Democrats stay up.

The negroes by this time were completely huddled. Governor Chamberlain and Smalls left the stand, and with the negroes moved off toward the village, followed by the Democrats, cheering and jeering, and threatening to break them up whenever they went to speak.

It was rumored, later in the evening, that the negroes had threatened to fire the town, and the Democrats called their forces together and camped a little way out of town, in case of emergency. There was no disturbance of any kind.

The Democrats are very jubilant over their victory, and gave the Republicans to understand that they intended to carry the county, and would treat any meeting they attempted to have in the same way that they had done this one.

The statements published in the Union-Herald and the News and Courier of this date, regarding the Republican meeting in Edgefield, on last Saturday, abound in gross misrepresentations. About two hundred white horsemen paraded on the occasion, armed with pistols, only according to their custom.

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Where freedom, hand in hand with labor Walketh stout and brave, And on the forehead of his neighbor, No man writeth "Slave!"

Gen. Gary followed in a most bitter attack upon Governor Chamberlain, as usual, with red hot shot from his heavy ordnance. I arose to reply to General Gary, who protested against my being heard, on the ground that I had already spoken my allotted time.

I was then heard, in what I regard as an effective reply to Gen. Gary. As I closed my speech, the platform fell for the fourth time, and the white audience, after hearing a brief reply from Gen. Butler, adjourned to the Democratic stand on the public square, distant about 300 yards.

He also erred in stating that I made a Democratic speech at the Democratic meeting. On the contrary, in reply to a remark there made, to the effect that I should return as a repentant prodigal to the Democratic fold, I said: "No, fellow citizens of Edgefield, I am unalterably a Republican, proud of my political faith."

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expressed our cordial assent to the proposition, but stated that the matter rested in the hands of Senator Cain, the Republican County Chairman, who had arranged the programme, and that we would communicate with him and request his consent thereto, and inform them of the result.

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