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THE SESSION OF THE STATE CONVENTION

DELEGATES CHOSEN WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS.

A Strong And Creditable Body—The Delegates and The Conservative Platform.

The democratic state convention met in Columbia on Wednesday. It was a strong and representative body. The sentiment of the convention was largely in favor of Parker for the presidential nomination and the delegates chosen are, without exception, Parker men with the present lights before them, but there were no instructions and the delegates will go to St. Louis to act as they see best for the interests of the party.

The unit rule was adopted, which means that, unless there is a very material change in the situation, South Carolina's vote in the convention will be cast solidly for Parker.

Senator Tillman, Governor Heyward, Mayor R. Goodwyn Rhett and General Willie Jones were chosen delegates at large.

The convention was called to order in the house of representatives at 12 o'clock by State Chairman Willie Jones. Hon. E. M. Rucker, Jr., of Anderson, was chosen temporary chairman. Messrs. T. C. Hamer and J. T. Parks were chosen secretaries.

Hon. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, was chosen permanent president of the convention, defeating former Governor McSweeney by a vote of 210 to 115. It had been expected that Governor McSweeney would not have opposition but it came and Mr. Henderson was chosen. Newberry's vote was 7 for McSweeney and 1 for Henderson.

The convention did very little during the morning session except to appoint the various committees and to prepare for the actual work which was to come later in the day. Mr. W. H. Hunt was appointed from the Newberry delegation on the committee on platform and resolutions and Hon. J. A. Sligh on the committee on constitution and rules.

The Night Session.

At the night session of the convention, as stated, the actual work was performed, matters having been put in proper shape to come before the convention by the committees in session that afternoon.

The convention which assembled at that time, as viewed by a representative of The Herald and News was in some respects the most remarkable political body which has assembled in this state during several years past. It was a strong and creditable body of South Carolina's representative citizens and democrats. A general good feeling prevailed the whole atmosphere and there was nothing to mar the harmony with which the convention opened and which prevailed throughout.

As stated in the general summary of the work as given above the four delegates-at-large chosen were:

Senator B. R. Tillman.
Governor D. C. Heyward.
Mayor R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston.

General Willie Jones, of Columbia. In addition to these four gentlemen who were chosen Senator Latimer and Col. J. C. Haskell, of Columbia, were nominated. Mr. Haskell withdrew his name, and Senator Latimer was defeated.

Senator Tillman and Governor Heyward were chosen by acclamation without dissenting vote. The vote was then taken on the two remaining places to be filled, with Senator Latimer, General Jones, and Mayor Rhett in the race. The ballot resulted as follows: Jones, 235; Rhett, 269; Latimer, 145.

It was a matter of surprise to some of Senator Latimer's friends that he was not elected. Senator Latimer

was not present at the convention, and this fact probably accounts for the overwhelming defeat which he suffered.

There were no instructions given the delegates, but the unit rule was adopted, and, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the convention, the delegates gave expression to their views as to the national campaign this summer. These expressions were requested more especially for the reason that the convention had defeated two resolutions endorsing the candidacy of Judge Parker, of New York. While it was not desired to instruct the delegates, the Parker sentiment largely prevailed in the convention and it was not desired that the impression should get out that the democracy of South Carolina was opposed to Parker.

The four delegates at large and the district delegates declared that at the present time they regarded Mr. Parker as the most available democratic candidate, but they thought the prime matter to be considered was the success of the party.

Senator B. R. Tillman was reelected national committeeman.

The platform which was adopted renewed the pledge of fidelity of the democrats of South Carolina to the fundamental principles of Jeffersonian democracy: commended the administration of the state government as wise, conservative, and patriotic; and commended the services of South Carolina's senators and representatives in the congress of the United States as faithful and efficient. "We especially commend the conduct of our senators in their determined and so far successful protest against the persistent and pernicious purpose of the president to inflict upon our state a collector of customs at Charleston, who is not only unacceptable to the patrons of the office, but is unfitted by training and experience to perform its important duties. . . . We affirm that our treatment of our colored fellow citizens does not justify the purpose and endeavor of the president to produce friction between them and ourselves." National issues were touched upon very briefly, the policy of the state in the past along these lines being strongly reiterated.

A number of resolutions were proposed and reported unfavorably by the committee, and in nearly every instance, in fact almost without exception, the unfavorable report was adopted.

The convention met at 9 o'clock and adjourned at about 1. Adjournment would have been reached a great deal earlier but for the discussion as to whether or not the delegates should be requested to express their views on the candidates for the presidential nomination.

Following is the list of the district delegates chosen:

First District Delegates.—St. Clair Walker, of Pinopolis; J. E. Tindal, of Felder. Alternates, R. S. Whaley, of Charleston; J. D. Bivens, of St. George.

Second District.—John C. Sheppard, of Edgefield; Claude E. Sawyer, of Aiken.

Third District.—Dr. R. F. Smith, of Easley; S. H. McGhee, of Greenwood. Alternates, E. H. Aull, of Newberry; L. C. Baker, of Lowndesville.

Fourth District.—J. A. Hoyt, of Greenville; J. J. Gentry of Spartanburg.

Fifth District.—A. M. Aiken, of Chester; Leroy Springs, of Lancaster. Alternates, T. B. Butler, of Gaffney, and J. H. Stevenson, of Fairfield.

Sixth District.—D. D. McColl, of Bennettsville; David Coker, of Hartsville. Alternates, James Stackhouse, of Marion; D. H. Traxler, of Timmons-ville.

Seventh District.—Altamont Moses,

of Sumter; T. B. McLeod, of Lee. Sidelights On The Convention.

There were very few exciting moments during the convention. When Senator Tillman and Governor Heyward had been chosen by acclamation it was immediately moved that Senator Latimer be elected by acclamation. Immediately half the members were on their feet, each trying to secure the recognition of the chair. The thing had narrowed down very closely and the friends of Mayor Rhett and Chairman Jones wanted the ballot to be taken in the regular manner for the remaining two places. Pandemonium reigned for a few moments but President Henderson got the convention in order again and the balloting proceeded.

Col. Cole L. Blease addressed the convention last night on a resolution which he had introduced that it was the sense of the convention that no man be endorsed for the presidency who had not always been a believer in the orthodox principles of Jeffersonian democracy. Mr. Blease said he could not understand why a convention of South Carolina democrats should vote down a resolution of this kind. The unfavorable report of the committee was adopted and the resolution was killed.

Col. George Johnstone strongly advocated an expression of views by those who had been chosen delegates, and several times addressed the convention along this line. He became engaged in an animated colloquy with Mr. Pollock, at the conclusion of which the convention cheered Johnstone.

Senator Tillman was the first of the delegates to express his views. He made one of his characteristic addresses. "As I see it now," he said, "I think that probably Parker is the best man, but by tomorrow night he might give forth some public utterance which would make him unacceptable. We will not only do what we ought to do at the convention, but we will do what you want us to do. Therefore, I tell you I don't know," concluded Senator Tillman, pounding the president's desk with his clenched fist and turning around and walking off the rostrum.

It may be interesting to note the vote of the Newberry delegation on delegates at large. Senator Tillman and Governor Heyward being elected by acclamation, of course received the vote of each member of the delegation. The vote for the remaining two places was as follows:

For General Willie Jones: Aull, Blease, Sligh, Dominick, Evans, and Johnstone.

For Senator Latimer: Aull, Blease, Hunt, Sligh, Dominick, and Mower.

For Mayor Rhett: Evans, Hunt, Johnstone, and Mower.

It is always interesting to watch a state convention in session, and the galleries of the house were filled last night with spectators, a great number of whom were ladies. The crowd remained until the adjournment of the convention.

Mr. Hearst's representative in South Carolina was in the convention and was well pleased that the convention had not emphatically declared against his chief.

Senator Tillman several times briefly addressed the convention on the questions being considered, as did also former Governor Sheppard.

Taken all in all, it was a very pleasant and a very harmonious state convention, and very creditable to the democracy of South Carolina.

ACROSS THE BORDER.

An Interesting Letter From Laurens —The Old Soldiers— Politics.

Laurens, S. C., May 19.—At last Newberry has a daily, and nearly everybody ought to be glad. Nearly everybody. It could hardly be expected that every married or single individual would be glad. Every town in the world has two or three persons who wouldn't be glad if their next door neighbor discovered a gold mine on his property. Your correspondent is "exceedingly glad." It is better to have the glad heart and glad eye, and look for the glad days; so right gladly do we welcome The Evening Telegram. It starts well; had a good beginning, with indications that it will not make a poor ending. Some people have long wished for a Newberry daily newspaper. And now that it has come let it stay. There is nothing to a town or city like a good daily. It will pay Newberry to keep it up.

Laurens county held Sergeant Lamb in high esteem. They made much over the old hero. You heard of his death the night of Memorial day. He attended the service, and, at the suggestion of Col. Crews, waved his flag once more. That night he died. The Laurensville Herald says:

"As an evidence of the coolness and bravery of Sergeant Lamb under severe fire, we give a brief extract from Dickert's History of Kershaw's Brigade. Speaking of the battle of Gettysburg Dickert says:

"When the brigade was near the woodland in its advance, a most deadly fire was directed towards the center of the Third, both by the battery to our left and sharpshooting in our front. It was thought by some that it was our flag that was drawing the fire, four color guards having gone down, and some one called out 'Lower the colors, down with the flag.' Sergeant Lamb, color bearer, waved the flag aloft, and moving to the front where all could see, called out in loud tones, 'This flag never goes down until I'm down.'"

There was no Carnegie fund for the brave soldiers of the Confederacy, but the words and deeds of our old heroes are imperishable. The touch of such to the heart is more tender than the touch of marble and gold.

The Winkler Artificial Limb company either had a job put upon them and a joke on a "man up here," or names and places have been mixed. The company sent the "man up here" a post card to fill in his answer to their questions. This is how it read when ready for the return mail:

Is your amputation above or below the knee?
Neither.

How long is your stump?
No stump at all.

When was it amputated?
Never.

About when do you expect to get an artificial leg?
Don't need it.

Do you wear an artificial leg?
No, both legs good.

The Winkler company will think a trick has been played or a mistake made. But it's all right either way.

The Laurens delegation of veterans and many others went to Charleston. One of the party spoke of liking to go to the Isle of Pan. That might be a joke or it might not. Some folks like it so well they would joke about a Newberry or Laurens missionary collection for the heathen away from home.—of course they have all gone. Your correspondent intended going to the reunion, or was going, or wanted to go, or something like that; but something preventing didn't hold good this time—it got in the way as usual, just as it did about the late anniversary at Clinton, when this delegate to the country wanted to see that big crowd from Newberry

—just to see how it looked. The Laurensites say it looked all right, and that it had been that far from home before.

You know Mr. Evans used to run the town of Laurens as he did the town of Newberry through the mayor's office, and as he is now running a big territory through the dispensary and keeps up, his constituency in this part of the country want to know what he will run next when he grows too big to sit in the chair which now holds him. He'll run something, unless the apostrophe drops out and then "it" will be to pay.
R. H. G.

RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

London, May 19.—An official dispatch received in London this afternoon announces that the Japanese cruiser Youkine and the Japanese battleship Nautauini have been sunk.

New Chwang, May 19.—The Japanese fleet was sighted ten miles north of Kayhow today.

The Japanese troops have marched several miles inland from Kayhow and have destroyed four miles or railroad and are capturing Russian commissary trains.

A POLITICAL PRIMER.

What Certain Phrases in The Great American Game Means.

What is meant by being on the fence?

It is the position of politicians who are too dull to realize how much the people hate a coward, and who are certain to get down on the wrong side.

What is a slate?

It is something that should always be smashed by the people to whose prejudice it is arranged by the "pie" brokers.

What is meant by nailing a lie?

It is the denial of a charge or accusation in such a way as to make the people believe the charge.

What is a roorback?

It is a discovery on the eve of the election which is damaging in a high degree to the party or candidates who pronounce it a canard.

What is a mare's nest?

Any sort of corruption or scandal unearthed to the prejudice of the party responsible for it is called a mare's nest by the defendants.

What is a machine?

It is a piece of organism whose life is determined by the ignorance or toleration of the people who submit to its capabilities for harm.

What is the last ditch?

It is, specifically speaking, the point toward which the democratic machine in Missouri is rapidly tending. It has, of course, a more general definition, but no other description that comes to mind so aptly illustrates its meaning.

A Chinaman's Way.

The following remarkable story appears in Mr. Whigham's "Manchuria and Corea." "A Cossack, in a fit of drunkenness, had shot a Chinaman, and it was necessary to bring several of the men to the bedside of the dying victim for the purpose of identification of the culprit. The Chinaman, however, refused to single out the guilty man, saying: 'Why should he be killed, since I must die in any case?' Then they explained to him that the man would only be severely punished, to which the Chinaman responded that since he had forgave culprit there was no reason why he should suffer. Then the theory of punishment was adduced as an argument—the Cossack must be punished in order that he would not repeat the offense. 'But,' said the Chinaman, 'he will never do it again when he knows that I forgave him,' and there the matter ended."