

DOWN TO HARD WORK.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION REASSEMBLES IN COLUMBIA.

The unfinished business taken promptly in hand—Several sections adopted. What was said and done.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 16.—Special: The constitutional convention reassembled yesterday pursuant to the resolution providing for the recess. Governor Evans, the president, was absent from the city attending the opening exercises of the Winthrop Normal and Industrial College. The body had just gotten through with the routine preliminaries, when attention was called to the death of Dr. J. O. Byrd, one of the members of the convention, and the body at once adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning after passing resolutions in regard to the sad occurrence.

When the convention was called to order, the proceedings of the day were opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Abney. There were exactly 65 members in their seats when the body was wrapped in order, but in a short time more came in and before the sudden adjournment came, 83 out of the 160 members were in the hall.

The journal of the last day's session was read and revised, only some immaterial changes being made. Mr. McCowan then rose and stated that it was his sad duty to inform the convention of the death of one of the members of the Florence delegation, Dr. J. O. Byrd, which occurred during the recess. He then sent up the following preamble and resolutions which were promptly adopted:

"Whereas, it is the wish of the All-Wise Ruler and preserver of the convention omnipotent to remove from our midst our friend and co-laborer in the work of this convention, Dr. J. O. Byrd, delegate from Florence county, and recognizing and appreciating his indomitable energy, sterling worth and earnest labor in the effort to secure magnificent results—a good constitution, therefore:

Resolved, That in the death of Dr. James O. Byrd, who departed this life suddenly on the afternoon of the 13th inst., at his home in Timmonsville, S. C., this convention has sustained a serious loss and the State is deprived of a valuable citizen and able legislator.

Second, That in the death of Dr. Byrd, we will cherish his memory and mourn his departure, our loss, and sympathize with his family.

Third, That a page of the proceedings of this convention be dedicated to his memory.

Fourth, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions be suitably engraved and placed in a book of remembrance of this convention and given to the delegation from Florence county to be by them transmitted to his wife and family. As a further mark of respect in honor of his memory, I move that this convention do now adjourn and that an hour on Thursday, the 22d, at 11 o'clock a. m. be set apart for the consideration of the above resolution.

When these resolutions were passed the convention stood adjourned. After the reading of yesterday's journal this morning Mr. McCowan of Florence offered the following:

Whereas a vacancy has occurred in the delegation to this convention from the county of Florence, occasioned by the death of Hon. J. O. Byrd, which, under the law, must be filled by an election to be ordered by the secretary of state, and whereas it is not deemed necessary to inflict upon the people of said county the expense incident to an election to fill said vacancy. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby authorized to withhold a writ of election to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Mr. McCowan this resolution was laid over.

The president then settled all doubt as to what the convention would take up by calling up section 36 of the article on legislative department, which provided that the enactment of special laws by the general assembly on certain subjects.

The section as reported read as follows: Section 36. The general assembly of this State shall not enact local or special laws concerning any of the following subjects, to wit:

1. To change the names of persons or places.
2. To lay out, open, alter, or work roads or highways.
3. To incorporate cities, towns or villages, or change, amend or extend the charter thereof.
4. To incorporate educational, religious, charitable, social, manufacturing or banking institutions.
5. To incorporate school districts.
6. To authorize the adoption of legitimation of children.
7. To provide for the protection of game.
8. To summon and empanel grand or petit juries.
9. To provide for the age at which citizens shall be subject to road or other public duty.
10. To fix the amount or manner of compensation to be paid to any county officer, except that the laws may be so made as to grade the compensation in proportion to the population and necessary service required.
11. In all other cases, where a general law can be made applicable no special law shall be enacted.

It had no sooner been called up than Mr. Gage offered the following: "Be added to the section to be known as subdivision 12:

12. The general assembly shall forthwith enact general laws concerning said subjects for said purposes, which shall be uniform in their operations. Provided, that nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the general assembly from enacting special provisions in general laws.

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Mr. Burns—Yes, we took you up and opened the way for you, and now we want you to open the gates for the people. They were the real masters and they didn't want to have to hold one office before they could hold another. We are not going to take the old party harness that has been worn all over and put it on ourselves.

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OUR STATE FAIR.

EVERYTHING NOW POINTS TO A MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION.

Good Work of the Agricultural and Mechanical Society—Cheap Fare on the Railroads—Columbia Interested—Everything Promising.

COLUMBIA, Oct. 19.—Special: The preparations for the coming fair of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society all indicate that the exhibition will be in all respects the very best that has been held in very many years. The officers of the society began very early to lay their plans, and just now there is every promise that great success will crown their efforts. President Moore, himself one of the most successful and progressive farmers in South Carolina, has taken special pains to perfect his plans for the fair this year. Secretary Holloway, a veteran in the business, has been more than active in his work. The board of directors have fully realized the situation, and their zealous and active cooperation has been taken by officers charged with carrying out their plans. The citizens of Columbia, too, have in a quiet but very business-like way, done their part. With this combination of interest and endeavor, there can be no doubt of a fine exhibition—one that will be a credit to the Society and a source of pleasure to the great crowd of visitors that are now sure to be attracted.

A very serious drawback to the fair last fall was the fact that the railroad rates were not so low as to tempt people to make the trip. There is now nothing wanting in this respect. For three days at least, during fair week, the rate will be low enough for anybody to come—only one cent per mile for the distance traveled. When a man comes fifty miles from home and go back for a single dollar, he ought not to complain of railroad fare. The rate now offered is as cheap as any offered in South Carolina in many a year. Indeed, the "oldest inhabitant" finds himself unable to recall the occasion when any more liberal arrangement was ever made for any gathering in South Carolina.

Section 32. All navigable waters shall forever remain public highways free to the citizens of the State and the United States without tax, impost or toll imposed; and no tax, toll, impost or wharfage shall be imposed, demanded or received from the owner of any merchandise or commodity for the use of the shores or any wharf created on the shores in or over the waters of any navigable stream unless the same be authorized by the general assembly.

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Next to Reading Matter. A Bucyrus, O., clergyman, with an eye to business, publishes a weekly programme of the church services. Interspersed with advertisements. A paragraph exhorting the people to praise the Lord is followed by a rattling ad of a hardware house. An ad beginning "Good butter a specialty," follows a paragraph beginning "What over thou thou to the Lord?" After an exhortation that ends "In the next world no offerings are needed," the next world no offerings are needed. A paragraph referring to the world to come, there is an ad about "Fresh and smoked meats." The advertisers probably pay extra for a position next to "pure reading matter." Talking of pure reading matter suggests an incident that occurred not long since in this city. An advertiser was in the publishing office of a sensational journal, which makes a specialty of printing scandals, and that no liquor has been sold or dispensed under his permit for said month, except as shown by the request which he must return. The dispenser is also required to state on oath that he has faithfully observed and complied with the provisions of his bond and oath, and with all the laws relating to his duties in the premises.