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Our Ticket.

- For Governor, WADE HAMPTON. For Lieutenant-Governor, W. D. SIMPSON. For Secretary of State, R. M. SIMS. For Superintendent of Education, H. S. THOMPSON. For Comptroller-General, JOHNSON HAGOOD. For Adjutant and Inspector-General, E. W. MOISE. For State Treasurer, S. L. LEAPHANT. For Attorney-General, LEROY F. YOUNG. For Congress, GEORGE D. TILMAN. The Commune.

The questions which have hitherto divided the people of the great Western Republic have been chiefly political. From the first foundation of the Federal Government to the termination of the late civil war the country has been agitated by contentions arising from conflicting constructions of the Federal Compact. The line of departure was marked and pronounced at the very inception of the national life, in the differences between the Hamiltonian and Jeffersonian interpretation of State and Federal relations.

We are now about to enter upon a new chapter of national existence, involving serious and difficult problems. The issues are of a social character and their determination will go further to test the stability of our institutions than the settlement of any theory merely political.

We see the same danger looming up in the crowded population of the North. We see the gulf fast widening there between capital and labor—we see antagonisms between employer and employee assuming year by year a more exasperated aspect.

There can be but one answer by all true patriots to the quest put. We cannot afford to hazard our vantage ground. Experience teaches us that our safety consists in laying our foundation sure and deep and when it is fixed, then uniting ourselves in one common mass upon the foundation, cemented together by our common interest; and that it would be childlike folly to leave that interest unsecured by every precautionary measure.

While holding very decided views ourselves upon the respective merits of the convention system and the primary plan of nominations by the Democratic party, we prefer to yield our columns to the various advocates of either system, satisfied that the people will receive more reliable instruction and information from a full and free discussion of the subject by many minds than by the repetition of any individual dictum of our own.

Every county treasurer in the State is required to add their statement to the report of the Comptroller-General.

Bachelors vs. Widowers.

Governor Hampton says that no more bachelors should be sent to the General Assembly. Now we generally agree with the Governor, but think that in this case his views are somewhat influenced by selfishness.

A Good Suggestion.

It has been suggested to us that the several precinct clubs meet on the 25th inst., to vote upon the primary election plan, and that the polls be kept open, under the control of the club officers or a special committee until the first of June.

The circulation of our paper is increasing rapidly. We propose to fill its columns with instructive articles and not with cheap advertisements from wild-cat mercantile houses and medical charlatans.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON goes a fishing in the Edisto this week. Capt. I. S. Bamberg, Gen. F. M. Bamberg and Col. Counts are to be his chaperons—we are hopeful that he will catch a "rock."

A FEW days ago Governor Hampton received a letter from a colored Democrat in Illinois, who on account of persecution in Lincoln's State, is anxious to remove to South Carolina—a free State.

We have no room for "Cheap John's" advertisement and never expect to have. He is referred to second class papers, in which he can probably be accommodated.

Plan for the Convention System.

EDITOR THE PEOPLE: As the result of the last campaign, which was, in many respects, one of the most momentous and extraordinary known to the history of South Carolina, and indeed of the United States, we find the democratic party invested with the supreme and unchallenged control of the civil affairs of the State.

Now the question for the democratic party to-day is: Shall the party adopt any measure which will in the slightest hazard this vantage ground? Should this question be answered in the negative, then we are to determine whether the adoption of the primary election system throughout the State and especially in our county, will tend to that result.

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Now what is true of individuals is equally true of communities. We should not change a known plan that has by actual experiment produced good results for the hope of getting something better. No untried experiment

can be pronounced either good or bad. Until the test has been made the result is unknown. It will not do to say that it has been tried there and yonder and worked well. That proves nothing unless the circumstances, conditions and surroundings are exactly alike in every instance.

It is a fact the only way, to judge of the future is by a comparison with the past. In reviewing the past what does it teach us? That under the most adverse circumstances—surrounded with unheard of difficulties—we rescued our State from ruin and disgrace and placed her upon the high road to happiness and prosperity.

Winnesboro News and Herald: Considerable opposition is manifested in different portions of the State to primary elections; but the objections urged are not based on good grounds. It has been shown that a primary election is death to convention manipulation, and it requires far greater sagacity and strength to control a majority of the people than to manage a majority in a convention.

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As to the objection to the pledge, an organization is not worth having unless it can wield its members into a solid body. Otherwise no one would waste time in seeking a nomination from it.

Walhalla Courier: With us primary elections have worked admirably, and have cured the evils complained of under the delegate system of making nominations. The plan by delegates is objectionable. It is not Democratic. The nominees are almost always the choice of a few leading minds, or of a combination formed by the friends of the two or three candidates who manipulated the local clubs and secured delegates favorable to them.

The election under the regulation must afford a fair expression of the choice of the Democracy as would be had at the regular election conducted by law, and without danger to the good of the country.

There are still other objections. It is easy enough to adopt the system. All we have got to do is for a majority to say so. But when we take the substantiality of our plan, how are we to manage it? The plan recommended by the State Executive Committee is cumbersome and unwieldy.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION SYSTEM.

The Objections met in Detail—The Experience of Geauga County. Winnesboro News and Herald: Considerable opposition is manifested in different portions of the State to primary elections; but the objections urged are not based on good grounds.

The alleged crime of cutting off the weaker candidates by the primary system is not near so outrageous as the slaying of the strongest candidates before a convention by bringing in a dark horse.

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announced by any organized body of democrats. Again, it may be that election after election may have to be held before a ticket can be nominated. Nothing less than a majority of the whole vote cast can nominate. Anything less would be worse than folly, and there may be (and likely will be) so many candidates that not one will receive a majority vote.

Who can object to this plan? It is merely a trial of the strength of the candidates in the Democratic party. All this party are permitted to vote. None but Radicals are excluded from the polls, for all Democrats can join the clubs and vote. The result among the Democratic candidates is what it would have been at a general election.

remote for many voters, who have to walk to attend. In the eight townships of this county we now have twenty-eight clubs, and at our last primary nearly two thousand votes were cast, our full Democratic strength.

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While Emperor William, of Russia, was returning from a drive with the Grand Duchess of Baden on the 11th inst., a tin-smith by the name of Emil Henrich Max Hoedel attempted to assassinate him. The Emperor escaped unhurt—the tin-smith is in jail.

OBITUARY. SALLIE EVY JENKINS was born in Orangeburg, S. C., July 22nd, 1854, married Mr. McFarlow, of North Carolina, December 26th, 1876, moved with him to Calhoun county, Alabama, where she died October 24th, 1877, leaving an infant son three weeks old, whom grace enabled her to leave simply to the care of him who even numbers the hairs of our head. She was the youngest daughter of Dr. James Jenkins, deceased, and granddaughter of Rev. James Jenkins, who at the time of his death was one of the oldest ministers in the South Carolina Conference.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. South Carolina—Barnwell County. IN THE PROBATE COURT. Whereas, Susannah Hall has made suit to me to grant her letters of administration on the estate of Benjamin Hall, deceased, these are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Benjamin Hall, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the court of probate to be held at Barnwell Courthouse on Monday, the 27th day of May, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any they have, why said administration should not be granted.

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