

**AFTERMATH OF THE STATE CONVENTION**

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Columbia, May 18.—Inspired by the record of the Democracy in the nation and State, the South Carolina State Democratic Convention, which came to a close in the early hours of this morning, eulogized President Woodrow Wilson, endorsed him for reelection, and instructed the delegation to the National Convention to vote as a unit for his renomination. The law enforcement policy of the State administration was commended and a strong declaration that the South Carolina Democracy stands for a strict and impartial enforcement of the law was adopted. The progressive labor, humanitarian, and educational acts of the general assemblies of recent years received warm approval.

Women suffrage was endorsed and the legislature was asked to submit the question of granting votes to women to the people of the State.

**Warehouse System.**

One of the outstanding features of the convention was the discussion of the warehouse system, which would come up in one form or another every few minutes. The convention rejected by an overwhelming majority of 255 to 74 the resolution presented by the Bleese caucus to have the warehouse commissioner go into the primary. This resulted not only because it was a part of the "slate" presented by the caucus of the Bleese delegates, but also because the convention figured that putting the warehouse commissioner into the primary would be putting the warehouse into politics which would kill the system. The convention, however, was overwhelmingly in favor of the warehouse system and adopted the following resolution which was introduced by Senator Laney, of Chesterfield:

"The State Warehouse System is hereby endorsed by this convention and that this convention recommends its continuance and support."

**Anti-Bleese; Pro-Manning.**

The convention was 5 to 1 anti-Bleese and overwhelmingly Manning in sentiment there however, being no lines drawn between the Manning and Cooper followers, all of them voting together on the other issues. Governor Manning was chairman of the Sumter County delegation and So-Heitor Cooper was the chairman of the Laurens delegation. The Sumter delegation voted solidly throughout and the Laurens delegation, for the most part, divided, 4 and 4.

Charleston with 18, Spartanburg with 16, Greenville with 14, and Orangeburg with 12, always swung into the anti-Bleese column every time piling up the majorities.

Hon. R. Goodwyn Rhett, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, was the chairman of the Charleston delegation. By him sat Mayor T. T. Hyde, of Charleston, who was elected one of the eight delegates at large to St. Louis.

It was getting on towards morning when the report of the platform and resolutions committee was adopted, the fighting over the warehouse having ended, when the election of delegates at large to the National Democratic convention were called for. J. H. Clifton in the interest of "Further unanimity and harmony" as he expressed it moved that eight delegates be elected with half a vote each. After some discussion this prevailed.

Governor Richard I. Manning was nominated by D. R. Coker, of Hartsville, and the convention broke into cheers which resulted in an ovation for the governor. Senator B. R. Tillman was nominated by D. B. Traxler, of Greenville, and then in rapid succession came the nominations of Senator E. D. Smith, State Chairman John Gary Evans, Mayor L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, Mayor T. T. Hyde, of Charleston, W. P. Pollock, of Cheraw, and Professor John G. Clinkscapes, of Spartanburg.

Mr. Fred H. Dominick, of Newberry, chairman of that delegation and floor leader of the Bleese minority, placed in nomination the Bleese "slate", the governor of South Carolina, C. C. Sims, of Barnwell, John G. Richards, of Kershaw, and T. C. Duncan of Union.

The roll call was by counties and occupied more than half an hour. Governor Manning received practically the unanimous vote of the convention, getting 310. The vote for the others resulted: Tillman 1, Hyde 276, Smith, 277, Pollock, 252, Jennings 254, Evans, 273, Clinkscapes 284. The three Bleese candidates got the following totals: Sims 61, Richards 62, Duncan 55.

**Cothran Praised.**

President T. P. Cothran was praised on all sides for the masterly and impartial way in which he handled the convention and he was thanked by a rising vote of the delegates.

It was nearly 2 o'clock this morn-

**TO HOLD REUNION AT COMMENCEMENT**

**Presbyterian College Alumni Association Making Plans for Great Meeting in June.**

Clinton, May 20.—The Presbyterian College Alumni association is making big plans for a reunion to be held at the coming commencement. It is expected that 150 of the former graduates will be here to help celebrate the beginning of a new movement which will be instrumental in advancing the interests of the college. Realizing that the support of a college should begin at home, the local alumni met Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock and organized a chapter with the following officers and committees: President, Wilson Harris; first vice president, James R. Copeland; second vice president, J. F. Jacobs, Jr.; recording secretary, Miss Marjorie Spencer; corresponding secretary, Miss Ruth Bailey; entertainment committee, Mrs. James R. Copeland, chairman, Mrs. W. C. Harper, Miss Elise Spencer, Miss Bera Bailey and Miss Clara Duckett; banquet committee, W. P. Jacobs, Jr., chairman, Prof. A. V. Martin, S. W. Sumerel and H. J. Winn; publicity committee, Wilson Harris; membership committee, Dr. St. Clair Hayes, chairman, Mrs. W. C. Harper and S. W. Sumerel; executive committee, W. P. Jacobs, Jr., Dr. S. C. Hayes, Dr. J. W. Davis, Miss Clara Duckett and Mrs. Bothwell Graham, Jr. A committee was named by the president to draw up by-laws and a constitution for the new organization, the same to be submitted at a meeting next Wednesday.

A chairman of each graduating class from 1885 up through 1915 has been appointed, and these committees have been given explicit instructions to see to it that each member of his class meet here in June for the big reunion. Reports from these committees indicate that a large number of former students will be here for the college closing and a big time is expected.

It will be a big week at the Presbyterian college as will be seen from the following programme:

Sunday, June 4—Baccalaureate sermon in the First Presbyterian church by the Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn.; sermon before the Young Men's Christian association by the Rev. W. E. Mellwain, D. D., of Charlotte, N. C.

Monday morning—Field exercises. Monday afternoon—Meeting of executive committee of board of trustees.

Monday evening at 8:30—Declaimers' contest.

Tuesday morning—Class day exercises.

Tuesday afternoon—Meeting of board of trustees.

Tuesday evening—Orators' contest. Annual meeting and banquet of Alumni association.

Wednesday morning—Commencement day exercises, address before graduates by Judge Mendel L. Smith of Camden.

Wednesday afternoon—Baseball, College vs. Alumni.—The State.

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ing when sine die adjournment was reached and the new State Democratic Executive Committee was immediately organized. W. C. McGowan, of Columbia, was reelected secretary, and W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, vice-chairman. On motion of General Willie Jones it was decided to open the campaign on June 20 and to close on August 29th. A committee consisting of Willie Jones, of Columbia, and G. A. Guignard, of Lexington, with the State Chairman were named to map out an itinerary for the campaign. Another committee consisting of General Jones, J. M. Mooror, of Walterboro, and Chairman Evans was named to make up the assessments of the various candidates.

The chairman announced that books of enrollment would be furnished every county and each Democratic voter was enrolled. The books of enrollment will open at each club on the first Tuesday in June,

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\* MORE ABOUT CHAUTAUQUA \*

The Tuesday afternoon entertainment of Chautauqua week was musical—"The Schumann Quintet". I'll be frank with you dear readers, I had my doubts as to whether it would not be better, (as I had never taken a music lesson in my life, or to be exactly true only a few) for the old lady to stay at home that time. "Apt as any way", I said to myself, "the fodder will be so high you will never reach it." But a sister of mine, who is musically inclined, sent me word that was the one entertainment she desired, above all others to hear, so when the curtain went up that afternoon we were among the audience that greeted "The Schumann Quintet"—3 gentlemen and 2 pretty young ladies.

The leader suited his part so admirably—was so full of enthusiasm that one could appreciate the fact that music meant much to him. Before each number he would give an interpretation of the piece to be played and a bit of biography of its composer,

which was so helpful to a layman like me. His interpretation of "The Invitation to the Dance" for instance was so lucid that one could fairly see the stately Colonial dames as with grace and dignity they went through the minuet with their equally as dignified partners with their knee breeches, silver buckles and powdered hair.

It pays sometimes to have a Langston imagination! The first piece they played was "that melody by Mendelssohn they play when they make two folks one". His witty reference here to the time which this famous march is often played brought a broad grin over the faces of his hearers. Four four time sounds more martial like, he agreed, yet it sounded more lightly this time in which he preferred to have it played, though he doubted not that warfare oftentimes begun, immediately after that march was ended.

I believe of all the numbers played that afternoon I enjoyed more the minuet by Weber. That is the minuet, as played by the peasantry of Germany. I have an idea that the reason I liked that number so well is, parts of it were what Uncle Tom plays for us

and calls "Lily Waltz". (Some of you folks that are coming out to hear Uncle Tom fiddle ask him to play "Lily Waltz".)

Another one of the Quintet was a solo on the Cello. He gave us was what we call "bass fiddle". He Nocturne in E, by Chopin, and for an encore he responded with "Old Black Joe" which I liked decidedly better than the Nocturne. The young lady that played the violin also sang for us. She sang very well indeed something about "A pretty little Damsel" and "High Lord Admiral" and the children were not forgotten this afternoon as the Quintet gave especially for their entertainment "The Clock Song" which was enjoyed by the older ones as well as the little ones. Altogether, it was an enjoyable afternoon and if any of you readers ever have a chance to hear a complete musical program go by all means, unless the entertainers are advertised as artists! (but of that more anon).

Our next will be of the monologue by Dr. Kemp—"The Printer of Udell". "Aunt Kate."

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