

CAMPAIGN AND PRIMARY.

THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROVIDES FOR BOTH.

The Date For The Darlington Meeting July 23rd.—The Rules Governing The Primary.

The State Democratic Executive Committee met in Columbia last Friday night and made all the arrangements for the State campaign, and adopted rules under which the primary election will be held. The campaign will open at Manning on Monday, June 22nd, and will close at Abbeville on Wednesday, August 19th. The meeting for this county will be held Thursday, July 23rd. The primary election will be held on the last Tuesday (the 25th day) of August. There are but few changes in the rules governing the primary from the rules under which the primary of 1894 was held. Here are the rules that were adopted last Friday night:

RULE 1. The qualification for membership in any subordinate club of the Democratic party in this State, or for voting at a Democratic primary shall be as follows, viz: The applicant for membership, or voter, shall be 21 years of age, or shall become so before the succeeding general election, and be a white Democrat, or a negro who voted for General Hampton in 1876 and who has voted the Democratic ticket continuously since. Provided that no white man shall be excluded from participation in the Democratic primary who shall take the pledge required by the rules of the Democratic party.

The managers of each box at the primary election shall require each voter in a Democratic primary election to take the following oath and pledge:

"I do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified to vote at this election according to the rules of the Democratic party, and that I have not voted before at this election, and pledge myself to support the nominees of the party."

RULE 2. Every negro applying for membership in a Democratic club, or offering to vote in a Democratic election, must produce a written statement from ten reputable white men, who shall swear that they know of their own knowledge that the applicant, or voter, voted for General Hampton in 1876 and has voted the Democratic ticket continuously since. The said statement shall be placed in the ballot box by the managers and returned with the poll list to the County Chairman. The managers of election shall keep a separate list of all negro voters and return it, with the poll list, to the County Chairman.

No person shall be permitted to vote unless he has been enrolled on a club list at least five days before the said primary election. The club lists shall be inspected by and certified to by the president and secretary and turned over to the managers to be used as the registry lists.

RULE 3. Each County Executive Committee of the Democratic party in this State shall meet on or before the first Monday in August of each election year and shall appoint three managers for each primary election precinct in their respective counties, who shall hold the primary election provided for under the Democratic constitution, in accordance with the acts of the General Assembly of this State regulating primary elections, the constitution of the Democratic party of this State and the rules here in set forth. The names of such managers may be published by the Chairman of each County Executive Committee in one or more county papers at least two weeks before the election.

RULE 4. Each voter in said primary shall vote but two ballots, on which shall be printed or written, or partly printed and partly written, the name or names of the person or persons voted for by him for each of the offices to be filled, together with the name of the office. The ticket to be voted shall be in the following form with spaces to suit the different counties:

- United States Senator.
- Governor.
- Lieutenant Governor.
- Secretary of State.
- Comptroller General.
- State Treasurer.
- Attorney General.
- Adjutant and Inspector General.
- State Superintendent of Education.
- Railroad Commissioners.
- For Congress—District.
- For Solicitor—Judicial Circuit.
- State Senator.
- House of Representatives.
- Sheriff.
- Judge of Probate.
- Clerk of the Court.
- County Supervisor.
- Coroner.
- County Superintendent of Education.
- Treasurer.
- Auditor.

No vote for house of representatives shall be counted unless it contains as many names as the county is entitled to representatives.

Rule 5. The managers of election shall open the polls at 9 o'clock a. m. and shall close them at 4 o'clock p. m. After announcing the result, the managers shall certify the same and for each precinct shall file with the county chairman a list of the names and all other matters relating to the election, and a list of the names of the persons who voted at the election.

county executive committees within 49 hours after the close of the polls.

Rule 6. The county Democratic executive committee shall assemble at their respective court houses on the morning of the second day after the election at or before 10 o'clock a. m., to tabulate the returns and declare the result of the primary, so far as the same relates to members of the general assembly and county officers, and shall forward immediately to the chairman of the State executive committee at Columbia, S. C., the result of the election in their respective counties for congressman and solicitor.

Rule 7. The protests and contests for county officers shall be filed with the chairman of the county executive committee, and said executive committee shall hear and determine the same. The State executive committee shall hear and decide protest and contest as to United States senators, State officers, congressmen and solicitors, and 10 days shall be allowed for filing the same.

Rule 8. Candidates for the general assembly and for county offices shall, 10 days previous to the primary election, file with the chairman of the county executive committee a pledge, in writing, to abide the result of the primary and support the nominees thereof. Candidates for other offices shall file such pledge with the chairman of the State Democratic executive committee on or before the 23d of June, 1896. No vote for any candidate who has not complied with this rule shall be counted.

Rule 9. In the primary elections herein provided for, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to nominate candidates. A second primary, when necessary, shall be held two weeks after the first, as is provided for under the Constitution of the party and shall be subject to the rules governing the first primary. At said second primary, the highest candidates alone shall run for any one office, but if there are two or more vacancies for any particular office, then double the number of candidates shall run for the vacancies to be filled. For instance, in a race for sheriff the two highest shall run.

Rule 10. In the event of a tie between two candidates in the second primary, the county chairman, if it is a county office, and the State chairman, if it is a State office, for a United States senator or for congress, or for solicitor, shall order a third primary. The question of a majority vote shall be determined by the number of votes cast for any particular office and not by the whole number of votes cast in the primary.

Rule 11. Each County Executive Committee shall furnish the managers at each precinct two ballot boxes, one for United States Senator and State officers and the other for congressmen, solicitors and county officers.

DR. BATES' RECEIPTS.

He Gave Them to The Charlestonians Signed as "State Treasurer."

State Treasurer Bates claims that the services for which he received \$2,031.25 were in behalf of the syndicate—"extra services" that I could not have been expected or required to render as State Treasurer.

The fact is that State Treasurer Bates did render these "extra services" as "State Treasurer."

The Post is informed by persons in Charleston who subscribed for new bonds that they sent the old bonds to Columbia and that they took the receipt of W. T. C. Bates as "State Treasurer" for those bonds. Furthermore, they say that they would not have accepted his receipt as agent for the syndicate. They required the "State Treasurer's receipt" in order to avoid risk and because they would have been, in event of trouble, able to hold the "State Treasurer" responsible on his official bond. In their opinion, therefore, the State Treasurer was simply, to the extent of assisting in the exchange by receipting for the old bonds, acting in his official capacity.

The matter narrows itself down to this: It may be, as Dr. Bates says, that he was not "required" to perform these "extra services" and that he could have refused, peremptorily, to perform them. But if he did do them, it was necessarily as "State Treasurer." In other words, his official position enabled him to facilitate the exchange as no private citizen could have facilitated it. If Dr. Bates' official assistance to the bond syndicate was in the interest of the State and he deserved extra compensation, he should have asked it of the Legislature. Did he have the right to lend official assistance as "State Treasurer" to the bond syndicate to subvert even their legitimate interests? Should the "State Treasurer" of South Carolina be paid for "State Treasurer's" work by a bond syndicate? Should a State Treasurer, even though he performed duties not strictly incumbent upon him as such, but duties which only a "State Treasurer" could perform, accept remuneration from any other party than the State?

The best that can be said for Dr. Bates is that he did himself a great injustice. Nobody will believe that he was dishonest, because \$2,000 will not tempt Dr. Bates. But should Dr. Bates have made the \$2,000 out of anybody, but the State? Should the "State Treasurer" ever be an employee of a bond syndicate?—Charleston Evening Post.

"LILY WHITES" DOWNED.

THE MELTON-BRAYTON FACTION KNOCKED OUT.

The Webster-Deas Faction Seated at St. Louis as The "Regulars."—A Telegram From Deas.

The "Lily White" Republicans "cut no ice" with the National Republican Committee at St. Louis last Saturday. The entire Webster-Deas faction gained seats in the National Convention and will vote solidly for McKinley. The first the people of Darlington knew of the action of the National Committee was a telegram from Deas which read as follows:

St. Louis, June 13.
To ROBERT T. HARRLEE:
The entire delegation headed by Webster seated. E. H. DEAS.

The following is what the press dispatches of Saturday had to say in regard to the matter:

The South Carolina contests were then taken up. The entire delegation, including four delegates at large and fourteen District delegates, was contested. The contest grows out of the question of organization: There are two distinct organizations in South Carolina, that which is known as the "Regulars" being headed by E. A. Webster, the chairman of the State committee. The other organization is known as the "Lily Whites," and is headed by L. D. Melton and E. M. Brayton, members of the national committee. The delegates of the Webster faction were admitted at Minneapolis four years ago. The State committee did not call a convention in 1894 or nominate a ticket, and therefore assume that they still exist as the State committee, since no State convention was held in 1894. It was by the call of the old committee that the convention was held which elected the "Regular" delegation, all of whom are for McKinley, while the delegates of the "Lily Whites" faction are in most cases anti-McKinley men. The same question involved in the case of the delegates at large was involved in all the District delegations. An arrangement was therefore entered upon to group them and have the entire case presented in one hearing, giving a half hour to each side.

The Webster delegation is composed of the following:

- At large—E. A. Webster, Robert Smalls, W. D. Crum and T. B. Johnson.
- First District—G. I. Cunningham, R. C. Browne.
- Second District—B. P. Chatfield, W. D. Dixon.
- Third District—Robert Moorman, J. R. Talbert.
- Fourth District—C. M. Wilder, F. H. Ollis.
- Fifth District—Thomas Boykin, Cad. J. Fride.
- Sixth District—J. E. Wilson, E. H. Deas.
- Seventh District—J. H. Fordham and F. E. Walker.

The Brayton delegation is composed of the following:

- At large—E. M. Brayton, L. D. Melton, G. W. Murray and S. E. Smith.
- First District—Samuel Green, H. W. Purvis.
- Second District—M. W. Watson, D. Yates.
- Third District—H. M. Bryce, H. B. Hendrix.
- Fourth District—J. J. Miller, Frank Nichols.
- Fifth District—G. G. Alexander, J. W. Prather.
- Sixth District—J. R. Levy, C. S. Nettles.
- Seventh District—R. H. Richardson, W. A. Smith.

Mr. Melton appeared in behalf of the delegation headed by himself. He contended that there was but one organization and that the committee had no power to hold over. If it could do that, it could perpetuate itself. Where, in that event, would the power end? Certainly in the face of this state of affairs there was nothing left to the mass of Republicans to do but to get together and reorganize, the Western people having refused to call a meeting.

Mr. Melton said that while his organization was known as the "Lily Whites," the organization had the encouragement and co-operation of the colored people, who had been recognized two to one in the convention. He said the reorganized party had undertaken to rescue the State for the Republican party and was accomplishing that in good shape. He declared that many prominent white men had come into the party since their organization was perfected and that Republicanism had for the first time become respectable. He said they had one club of 2,100 composed entirely of white men.

Judge Thompson, of Ohio, represented the Webster faction. He asserted that in view of the condition of affairs in South Carolina, which rendered it impossible for the Republican party to make a tangible showing in that State, no State ticket had been nominated for the past twenty years. Hence the party had fallen into the practice of not holding State conventions and allowing committees to hold over. The Webster committee had held on under these precedents and it was the decedent of the organization effected first in 1868.

Hon. Robert Smalls, the well known colored politician, supplemented Judge Thompson's statement. Mr. Smalls contended for the regular organization. He asserted that the Meltonites had no standing as a Republican organization in the State and no power for coming

before the national committee as claimants for seats. He admitted that there were some Democrats who had professed willingness to call themselves Republicans, but this was because of their advocacy of Republican doctrine. In his own behalf, Robert Smalls made a bitter attack upon his opponents. The "Lily Whites," he insisted, had no standing in the State, they had no excuse for existence and they were entitled to neither the recognition nor the respect of the Republicans of the nation. In the city of Charleston, where Capt. Melton had said 2,500 white men will be ready to join the "Lily White" party, the facts were, said Smalls, that perhaps that number of men were willing to join—not so much the Republican party, as any party that would help them to "down" Tillman and his dispensary law and give them free run in their city and their homes. Many of them were favorable to the gold standard and protection as against free silver and free trade, and many objected to the liquor laws of the State.

BATES ON BOND ISSUES.

THE STATE TREASURER MAKES HIS STATEMENT.

He Tells How He Came to Accept a Fee of Two Thousand Dollars From the Syndicate.

"Yes, it is true that I received from the syndicate the sum of \$2,031.25. This was for acting as their representative in making settlements with their subscribers, collecting and remitting their premiums and attending to their expense account.

"For instance, there were subscribers in Charleston for \$2,000,000 of the new issue which the syndicate had contracted to deliver in Charleston. These were to be paid for mostly in Brown consols, but the holders of the consols naturally would require the syndicate to deliver to them the new issue of bonds before they would part with the possession of their consols.

"Two courses were therefore open to the syndicate. One was to pay the State treasurer \$2,000,000 in cash to receive the new bonds, and then exchange them with the Charleston subscribers. The other was to secure some representative here in Columbia whom the Charleston bondholders were willing to entrust with their bonds and exchange them for bonds of the new issue. I suggested to the syndicate the employment of a Columbia banker as their representative, but they preferred that I should do the work, and at the urgent request of the Baltimore Trust and Guarantee company, the agent of the syndicate, on or about the 21st of March, 1895, I consented to act for them, as the bondholders in Charleston and elsewhere were willing to place their bonds in my hands for exchange.

"The public will understand that there is a vast difference between: First, my accepting money as a consideration for making a contract for the sale of State bonds; and secondly, my accepting compensation tendered by the syndicate for extra services as their representative long after the contract had been made. The first would have been offered, of course, and accepted prior to the contract, and would have deserved severe criticism. The second was tendered long after the contract had been made, and was for extra service that I could not have been expected or required to render as State Treasurer. The work necessitated the keeping of a special, difficult and extensive account, and involved much responsibility and trouble. A good portion of the amount received went to pay for extra and special clerical work.

"I am sure a reasonable public will agree that the work I did was unofficial, and did not conflict with my duties as State Treasurer. Nor will I be expected to render responsible and valuable service for a syndicate of wealthy capitalists, without some reasonable compensation, especially as the compensation was not paid by the State. Outside of the \$2,031.25 I did not receive one cent from the syndicate or any one else on account of my connection with the refunding of the bonds.

WELL-KNOWN TOBACCNISTS.

Three of The Most Prominent Warehousemen in South Carolina.

The Southern Tobacco Journal of last week published a page article about the South Carolina tobacco markets, with pictures of several of the most prominent tobacco men of the State. The gentlemen from Darlington spoken of in the article were Messrs. R. H. Treadway, Jr., Abram Sydnor and B. F. Smoot, with an excellent likeness of each. Here is what the Journal said about them:

One of the most successful warehouse managers in South Carolina is Mr. R. H. Treadway, Jr., now of Darlington. Mr. Treadway served his apprenticeship in some of the largest and best warehouses in Danville, and is one of the best equipped warehousemen in the South. What "Bob" Treadway does not know about selling leaf tobacco is hardly worth knowing. In his new South Carolina home he has made a host of friends, both among the business men of Darlington and among the farmers of the Palmetto State. During the past two years he has been one of the strong forces which have helped to make Darlington the active, wide-awake market she is, and the town is fortunate in securing the services of so well-equipped a warehouseman as Mr. Treadway.

Mr. Abram Sydnor, who is associated with Mr. Treadway in the warehouse management at Darlington, is also a Virginian and came to South Carolina over two years ago. Mr. Sydnor is one of the finest auctioneers in the trade, and with an active and all-around warehouse manager. In Darlington he has made many warm friends, and he has worked very hard for the good of the Darlington market. Mr. Sydnor is popular with both buyers and sellers, is a typical warehouseman and auctioneer, and is one of the best known men in the New Tobacco Empire of South Carolina.

Among the younger men in the tobacco trade of South Carolina who have been led into the business by the rapid development of the tobacco production in the State, Mr. B. F. Smoot is one of the best known. It was largely through his efforts that Darlington secured her second warehouse, which Mr. Smoot assisted in building and managed last season. He is active, progressive and knows the tobacco growers personally all over the tobacco sections of the State. Mr. Smoot deserves much credit for his efforts in building up the Darlington market, and his knowledge of the warehouse business already and his energy will make him one of the leading characters in the trade of the Palmetto State.

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Yours respectfully,
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We were glad to welcome in our midst last Sunday, Misses Janie and Lemie Outlaw, of Darlington, and also Mr. Arthur Arnot, formerly of Charleston, but now of Darlington.

J. W. Rhodes and Mr. S. B. Rhodes, who have been sick with chills and fever for some time past, are improving.

We are very sorry to report that Mrs. C. B. Gardner has been very sick for several days past, but we are glad to say, is improving some at this writing.

Darlington Lodge.

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