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## Charleston Conservatism

### Draws the Line.

#### The County Convention, With

#### Full Evidence of Till-

#### manite Trickery Re-

#### fused a Division

#### and Nominations

#### Nine Straight-

#### out Men.

Special to The State.

CHARLESTON, July 16.—In pursu-

ance of a call issued by the execu-

tive committee, the Democratic con-

vention of Charleston county assem-

bled to-day and refused to stultify it-

self and worship at the brazen statue

of so-called expediency. The recent

recommendation of the executive

committee that the county's delega-

tion should be divided between

Straightouts and Reformers was com-

pletely snowed under, as was to be

expected. Open disavowal of divi-

sion was expressed quietly at the

time, but to-day true and tried Dem-

ocrats put their feet down and finally

declared against division under the

present circumstances. This deter-

mination was evident from the con-

vening of the convention. The fact

that Reform counties were not acting

in the proper spirit accounted for the

refusal to divide

Joseph W. Barnwell made a gallant

fight for a division, affirming that he

was for peace. The convention gave

attentive ears to his appeals, but re-

fused to accede to them. Later,

when delegates were being named,

Mr. Barnwell refused to serve, say-

ing he was a peace man and not in

for a fight. He lead the division side

of the convention, while Kirby S.

Tupper, F. C. Fishburne, A. S. Far-

row and others opposed him. The

oppositionists were unexpectedly

mild in their speeches.

The convention, which was a re-

presentative one, met at noon and

unanimously elected Philip Gadsden,

chairman, and Jos. H. Perrine secre-

tary.

Mr. Farrow offered a resolution to

appoint a committee to consider the

adviseability of a division of delegates

between the two factions of the party

in the interest of harmony. After

much squabbling it was defeated.

Mr. Tupper offered the following

Jr., W. M. Fitch, Jos. L. Oliver and

W. St. J. Jervey

A resolution was passed empower-

ing the executive committee to fill

any vacancy that may occur.

All the delegates are lawyers ex-

cept Mr. Oliver, who is connected

with the Oliver & Co., blind and sash

manufactury. All are men of ability

and conservatism, and will give uni-

versal satisfaction. Delegates will

be required to file their pledge by

the 20th inst. The executive com-

mittee will meet on Friday and make

arrangements for the primary.

## There are No Millions in It.

### The Dispensary Falls Far

### Short of Expectations.

COLUMBIA, July 16.—A great many

plans have been used to relieve the

competition of the "blind tigers" to

the dispensary. Some of the plans

have met with some degree of suc-

cess, while others have signally failed.

It is a notorious fact that the dis-

pensary is not making the money

that it was expected to make. It

has not yet reached the \$200,000

mark, and perhaps after it has been

shown that there are not "millions in

it" it may be decided to run the dis-

pensary more on the moral scale than

heretofore, as it may be that it is

proposed to cut off as much of the

opposition as possible. Whatever

may be the case it is announced that

the dispensary will, after the 1st of

August, sell its liquor cheaper than

at present. The new schedule of

prices has not yet been published,

but it is understood, on the quiet, to

be about a 10 per cent reduction.

Commissioner Mixson has gone

North on a little trip, and when he

returns to Columbia will be ready for

the expected rush of fall business.—

News and Courier.

## Politics in Greenville.

### Reformers in the Saddle. The

### Primary Endorsed.

The county Democratic convention

met in Greenville yesterday. Only

a few scattering Conservatives, be-

sides the forty of Central club, elected

by 800 voters, were present, and they

took no active part in the proceed-

ings. The chief business was the

adoption of resolutions accepting and

endorsing the primary and calling on

all white citizens to take part in it.

Gen. J. W. Gray was elected chair-

man, and in a speech of acceptance,

said that the Reformers were respon-

sible for calling the convention and

ought to control it.

H. B. Buist offered resolutions of

a general conciliatory character,

which were adopted. No mention

was made of any division, but in-

dications are that Judge J. H. Earle

and H. J. Haynsworth will be voted

for by the Reformers

Resolutions endorsing Judge Earle

were adopted by the convention to-

day. Judge Earle said he would

probably be unable to serve in the

convention, but it seemed to be the

disposition to elect him anyhow.

The rank and file of the Conserva-

tives are awaiting developments be-

fore deciding whether to go into the

primary. They have been somewhat

staggered in their determination to

stay out by the action of Richland,

Darlington and Spartanburg coun-

ties.

ATLANTA, July 18.—A special to

the Constitution from Asheville says

that Commissioner E. B. Stahlman,

of the Southern Railway and Steam-

ship Association, announced that he

would not accept another term. Con-

siderable opposition has been mani-

fest against Stahlman for the past

three years. Major Stahlman says

that he wants to get out of the posi-

tion because it is full of worry and

annoyances. He adds that he can

make more money by looking after

his private affairs than the railroads

pay him. His salary is \$15,000 a

year. His announcement caused a

sensation. It is possible that Com-

missioner Finley, of the Passenger

Association, may be put in charge of

the Freight Association

Charleston is not to have the trolley,

after all. Charleston has available

capital enough to build a trolley line

half across the continent, probably.

But Charleston's money men decline

to make investments at home. They

may be caught by a Birmingham boom,

or an Annapolis boom, or some other boom

away from home, but they religiously

avoid a Charleston boom. If they

cannot invest their money in a bank,

or some such institution, they will

let it rust in the vaults. Charlestonians

are proverbially conservative. In the

case of the capitalists of Charleston it

seems that conservatism has merged

into apathy, in so far as their city is

concerned.—Savannah News.

## Only Seven Weeks More.

### And Then the Constitutional

### Convention Meets.

The State.

A good many people in this State

who have not been keeping up with

the flight of time will no doubt be

very much surprised to know that the

State constitutional convention, about

which so much talk has been indulged

in, is only seven weeks off. The

date for the convention to assemble

and begin its work is September 10.

Every one seems to be talking of the

convention as if it were at least four

or five months before it will assemble.

The necessity for acting promptly in

everything that is proposed to be

done preliminary to the holding of

the convention is therefore obvious

to all. There is no time to be lost by

any one.

The appropriation for the holding

of the convention is only \$30,000.

The expenses per day, not including

printing or anything of that charac-

ter, will amount to over \$400. If

the convention sits any length of

time it will be absolutely necessary

to go beyond the appropriation. It

was thought that the convention

would be powerless to appropriate

any more money, but it seems that,

being a supreme body, it has the

right to do anything in that line by

passing an ordinance. And this will

doubtless be necessary, for it is

thought that the convention will sit

for a longer period than was first

supposed. It will likely be in ses-

sion till the time for the assembling

of the Legislature.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION.

Preparatory to the general election

which will decide who shall be the

delegates sitting in the convention

will come the primary election

ordered to be held by the Irby State

committee on the 30th instant. This

election is now only eleven days off

and the preparations for its holding

are being rapidly concluded. Sec-

retary Tompkins, of the Irby com-

mittee, is now busy having bundled

up the copies of the order published

below, the blank tally sheets and poll

lists, and copies of the new "Con-

stitution of the Democratic party of

South Carolina," adopted last Sep-

tember

The following is the paper to be

sent out, referred to above:

A primary election is hereby

ordered to be held in every county

in this State on the 30th day of July

next, at which every white voter in

this State shall be entitled to vote,

who shall make pledge to the man-

agers conducting the election that he

will support the nominees of such

election on the day of the election to

be held on the third Tuesday in

August for the delegates to the State

Constitutional convention.

Each county executive committee

shall appoint three managers and one

clerk to hold such election; two of

the managers shall be Reformers and

one manager and the clerk shall be

Conservatives, or vice versa. The

polls shall be open from 8 a. m. to 4

p. m.

Each candidate for the Constitu-

tional convention shall at least ten

days before the said primary election

file his pledge with the chairman or

secretary of the county Democratic

executive that he will abide by the

result of the election and support the

nominees of the party, and no vote

for any candidate who has failed to

sign such pledge shall be counted.

To prevent the single popping of

candidates no vote for delegates shall

be counted which does not contain

the names of delegates who have

signed the pledge of the same num-

ber as the delegates to which said

county is entitled to under the act

calling the convention.

The second primary shall be held

on August 13, if necessary, accord-

ing to the rules of the party, and the