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T. P. A. CONVENTION.

URGENT GATHERING IN HISTORY OF STATE DIVISION.

Following Mrs. Williams to City by Major Boyd, Who Presents Program With Key to the City—Response by President P. J. Drew.

From the Daily Item, May 7.

The largest number of visiting men that has ever gathered in a T. P. A. convention in South Carolina assembled in the Court House at 11 o'clock today when the South Carolina State Division, T. P. A., convened in annual session. All told, there were about three hundred persons present at the opening exercises, approximately one-half of the number being traveling men and the remainder interested spectators, quite a number of whom were ladies.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock, on the minute, by Mr. A. C. Ducker, president of Post G, of Sumter. He requested the assembly to rise and remain standing while the playing of the local post, Rev. H. H. Overholser, made the opening prayer. Following the invocation Mayor W. B. Boyd was introduced. He extended a special welcome to the traveling men and promised to President Ducker to do his utmost to make the city a pleasant place for the convention.

Mr. A. C. Ducker, of Post G, stated that the South Carolina division has made but ten members to be entitled to delegates to the National Convention. Representatives of several posts stated that they have applications in hand, the aggregate being more than enough to make up the necessary number. Routine business was transacted until the hour of adjournment arrived.

During the session various announcements were made in reference to the entertainments arranged for the members of the convention. At 1:30 all T. P. A.'s who wished to attend the races were furnished transportation to the race track, where they were admitted on their badges, the entertainment committee having arranged for their admission. At 7:30 the train will leave the A. C. L. depot for Pocatoligo, where the fish fry will be served.

Daily Item May 8.

The session of the South Carolina division of the T. P. A. this morning was one of the most enthusiastic in the history of the division. There was an undercurrent of excitement which at times manifested itself in outbursts of enthusiasm. All of the business of the convention has been finished except the election of a national delegate and the secretary, directors and committee chairmen.

Mr. Frank Pegues of Darlington was elected president over Mr. A. L. Byrd of Columbia by a vote of 49 to 44. The vice presidents are A. L. Byrd of Columbia, Walter T. Jones of Greenwood, R. C. Hudson of Greenville, E. K. Marshall of Charleston, J. R. Holt of Darlington, W. H. Crews of Spartanburg, A. W. Crosswell of Sumter, C. S. Sullivan of Anderson, L. H. Melton of Chester.

Committee reports were made at the morning session of the T. P. A. convention. The first report was that of the board of directors made by the chairman, Mr. A. L. Tomlinson of Spartanburg, who gave a most glowing prophecy of the increase in membership for the next year. Mr. J. W. Lillard of Spartanburg presented the report of the legislative committee. The report referred to the bill prepared by the committee and introduced by Senator Carlisle last session requiring fire escapes in hotels. This bill did not pass and the report urges its passage at the next session. Several hotels were cited which are said to be unsafe, on account of absence of fire escapes. The report urged an inspection of hotels by the State board of health under the pure food law, calling attention to the importance of food to the drummers' health. The report also discussed the matter of baggage liability and interchangeable mileage and excess baggage charges.

Mr. A. L. Byrd of Columbia read the report of the press committee, which detailed the attention given the organization by the newspapers. The Knights of the Grip booth at the State fair, conducted by the T. P. A. and U. C. T., was commended and described. Mr. J. H. Dudley of Columbia read the report of the committee on railroads, which was very exhaustive and important. All of these reports were referred to special committees. Miss Nettles of the office of Mr. L. I. Parrott, clerk of court, placed flowers on the desk of the presiding officer and the convention spontaneously cheered her. She was presented to the convention by President Ducker. Secretary Heintish made the following interesting report: Spartanburg, S. C., May 4, 1908. Gentlemen: In submitting my annual report as secretary and treasurer, heretofore, I have only made copies for the Post secretaries. Considering our rapid growth and the large amount of money handled, I deemed it advisable to have this year's report printed and distributed to the delegates and members. Our membership in May 1905 was 107. Our membership in May 1906 was 326. Our membership in May 1907 was 396. Our membership in May, 1907, was 761. I have now in the national office enough applications to put us to the 800 mark. We have organized one post and Chester has preempted the place of Darlington as the baby post, and it is my pleasure to especially thank Mr. Riley M. Strange for the work that was done in getting the requisite number of members. Several of the posts have made substantial gains, especially Darlington and Columbia; Darlington has gained in membership this year 172, and has the distinction of not losing a member, but lapsing. Columbia has gained in membership 113. My report will show that at some points there is a lack of interest, and there should be, I think, a special committee appointed to visit these points with a view to increasing the membership. I will again call the attention of members to the necessity of having every question answered in making our applications, as the delay in writing to the applicant to answer some question that has been overlooked, causes considerable annoyance and delay to him. In reference to making claims there seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding and members should read the constitution. We are a business organization and run on business principles, and claims cannot be paid on just a member's representation of injury, but must be made as the constitution requires. We have paid our members for injuries this year the sum of \$1,939.22. The convention, after hearing the reports of officers, proceeded to the consideration of the report of the committee on the revision of the constitution. A resolution was passed at the convention of May, 1907, providing for a special committee for this purpose. The committee consisted of President Drew, Secretary Heintish and Messrs. C. P. Ligon, J. H. Dudley and Furman Smith. There was a fight on the proposition with reference to the State headquarters. Messrs. Ligon and Heintish recommended: "Sec. 3. That the general business headquarters of this division shall be in Spartanburg, S. C." Messrs. Dudley and Smith recommended this substitute: "Sec. 3. The general business headquarters of this division shall be in the city in which the State secretary resides." While in effect the two suggestions are the same, as Secretary Heintish lives in Spartanburg, yet, as a matter of fact in case Mr. Heintish should ever retire, resign or not be re-elected, the suggestion second in order would mean that the headquarters would be moved to the residence of his successor. The constitution also provides for five directors from the headquarters city. There are seven directors in all. This was so taken by the convention, and the convention declined to take any step which would indicate any dissatisfaction. The vote on this proposition was as follows: Against change—Post A, Spartanburg, 18; Post D, Anderson, 2; Post G, Sumter, 6; Post H, Darlington, 24; Post I, Chester, 3. Total, 53. For change—Post B, Columbia, 20; Post C, Greenville, 4; Post D, Anderson, 4; Post E, Charleston, 4; Post F, Greenwood, 5; Post G, Sumter, 2. Total 39. The motion for a change, therefore failed. There was considerable en-

thusiasm displayed. Post B feeling that this would unintentionally operate against their candidate for president, Mr. Byrd, asked to be excused from voting, but the convention declined to excuse them.

There was much cheering when Post H of Darlington, cast its entire 24 votes with Spartanburg. On motion of Mr. Marshall of Charleston, the vote in favor of Spartanburg for headquarters was made unanimous.

The new constitution was adopted as a whole with no considerable changes, except that on motion of Mr. Furman Smith the salary of the secretary was increased from \$300 to \$600. The work of the State secretary has doubled in recent years on account of the increase in membership and in the number of new members.

The convention then received the reports of special committees which had under consideration the reports of standing committee. Hearty endorsement was given the report of the committee on hotels through Mr. J. E. Gentry, the first president of the association, who has done a great deal to improve hotel conditions.

The standing committee on legislation was thanked for its intelligent efforts. Mr. E. K. Marshall of Charleston extended a very hearty invitation to that city. This was received with great applause. The invitation came from the mayor, the chamber of commerce and the Jobbers' association.

Mr. Durham of Greenville placed the Mountain City in nomination. He assured the convention that Greenville's new \$125,000 hotel would be completed by that time and they wait the "boys" of the T. P. A. to come there to break it in.

The speakers paid very happy compliments to Sumter for the manner in which she has entertained the T. P. A. Mr. Johnson of Spartanburg stated that the delegation from Post A had come down here expecting to capture the convention for that city next year, but had decided, after hearing the eloquent appeals, to allow some other city to have it, especially in view of the fact that Spartanburg had been given State headquarters.

The balloting on all propositions was conducted in a most systematic manner. Maj. Drew made an admirable presiding officer. Fair, firm and courteous, he was strict in complying with the rules of order and dispatched the business easily and without delay. The vote was, Charleston 66, Greenville 34. The vote was enthusiastically made unanimous and Greenville put the convention on notice that she would have the convention in 1910.

The election of officers was then entered upon. Mr. J. W. Lillard in a beautiful and graceful speech, nominated Mr. Allen L. Byrd of Columbia. This was seconded by Mr. Ducker. Mr. Frank Pegues of Darlington was nominated in a business like talk by Senator Dan T. McKeithan of Darlington. This was seconded in a beautiful speech by Mr. E. M. Wells, Jr., of Darlington, who stated that of the 370 new members in this State Frank Pegues alone had secured applications from nearly half that entire number. This was greeted with cheers.

DISPENSARY BOARD GIVES BOND

Complies with Pritchard's Modified Order on Advice of Attorneys.

Columbia, May 11.—The State dispensary commission at a meeting this afternoon on the advice of the attorneys for the commission, decided to comply with the recent modified order of Judge Pritchard and to give the bond of \$175,000 named in that order granting a supersedeas on that condition. It may be recalled that in the original order signed by Judge Pritchard a bond of \$250,000 was required, and also that the commission deposit with the court the collateral held by the commission as security for the money deposited in the various banks in this State, but last week Judge Pritchard modified his order and reduced the bond to \$175,000 and struck out the requirements as to the collateral. As it will take several months to get the case before the United States Supreme Court it was thought best to comply with the modified order, inasmuch as the attorneys consider that nothing is to be lost thereby.

The bond was executed this afternoon, the entire amount being taken by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, through its Columbia agent, Mr. John H. Bollin. It was decided to place the whole amount in one company for purpose of convenience.

STATE LEAGUE SCHEDULE. Programme of Season's Games Arranged by Secretary Houseale—Schedule Does Not Give Satisfaction.

The following is the schedule prepared by Secretary Houseale. The schedule is not satisfactory and will probably be changed. The chief objection is that the teams are required to play nine games at home and then nine away from home. This arrangement will affect the attendance seriously and will be more expensive in the long run than a schedule that called for a greater railroad mileage during the season, but divided the games more equally. Three games at home and three on the road each week would be the ideal arrangement of the schedule.

Secretary Houseale's explanations and comment follow the schedule, which is as follows: At Orangeburg. Sumter, May 14, 15, 16; June 1, 2, 3; June 25, 26, 27; July 13, 14, 15. Chester, May 28, 29, 30; June 18, 19, 20; July 9, 10, 11; July 30, 31, August 1. Rock Hill, May 25, 26, 27; June 15, 16, 17; July 6, 7, 8; July 27, 28, 29. Orangeburg, May 7, 8, 9; June 4, 5, 6; June 22, 23, 24; July 16, 17, 18. At Chester. Sumter, May 18, 19, 20; June 8, 9, 10; June 29, 30; July 1; July 20, 21, 22. Rock Hill, May 14, 15, 16; June 1, 2, 3; June 25, 26, 27; July 13, 14, 15. Orangeburg, May 21, 22, 23; June 11, 12, 13; July 2, 4, Double header; July 23, 24, 25.

At Rock Hill. Sumter, May 21, 22, 23; June 11, 12, 13; July 2, 4, Double header; July 23, 24, 25. Chester, May 11, 12, 13; June 4, 5, 6; June 22, 23, 24; July 16, 17, 18. Orangeburg, May 18, 19, 20; June 8, 9, 10; June 29, 30, July 1; July 20, 21, 22.

The above is the 1908 schedule of the South Carolina State league as compiled by Edw. B. Houseale, secretary of the league. Owing to the fact that only four clubs are in the league and in the manner in which they are located the playing arrangement is not as ideal as could be had were there six clubs in the league, or even the four clubs better located with reference to each other.

Rock Hill and Chester are far away from Orangeburg and Sumter and the railroad connections are not so good. Therefore, the schedule has been arranged sending the two lower country teams to the up country and sandwiching them for a week, and repeating the same plan when the up country teams play in the lower part of the State.

This arrangement gives the clubs Saturday night to Monday mid day to make the long jumps. But at the same time, it gives clubs nine games on the road and nine games at home, which may affect the attendance. It was also desired that Chester and Rock Hill play together on the Fourth of July, and Orangeburg and Sumter the same day. According to the playing arrangement, it would be necessary to break into the circled route in order to make these dates. And then it would require many extra miles of travel and a poor playing arrangement in order to finish up the season rightly. As it is, Chester and Rock Hill get the holiday games while the league closes at Sumter and Orangeburg. Whether this arrangement will stand is not known.

The secretary has written the four clubs sending them the schedule and pointing out the reasons why the arrangement was so made. It is probable that other changes will be made, but the arrangement for the first six series which will run till the first of June will stand.

In the meantime, the secretary will have ample time to change the dates the league officials may indicate. Of course, it's a Jersey woman who wants a divorce because her child can't bear the step-father's face. Anything to please the child.

If you want to sell, buy, rent or exchange anything, if you want a position, if you have found or lost anything, just advertise in the Item's Want Column and watch the results. They come quick.

THE FISH FRY.

T. P. A.'S HAD A JOLLY TIME LAST NIGHT.

The Trip to Pocatoligo Was Made by at Least Four Hundred Drummers and Sumter Business Men.

From the Daily Item, May 8. The T. P. A.'s were loaded on a train last night, transported to Pocatoligo and entertained for several hours in the open air. The official designation of the entertainment was Fish Fry, but there were sundry trimmings that rounded out the picnic supper and helped make the spread satisfactory and gratifying to the inner man.

When it was decided by the general committee of arrangements to put a fish fry on the programme of entertainment provided for the T. P. A.'s it was also decided to place all the whole affair unreservedly in the hands of Messrs. L. I. Parrott and W. W. McKagen, the fish fry and chicken stew artists. All of the four hundred and odd who were present last night are prepared to certify that they amply vindicated the judgment of the committee and added more laurels to their crown of fame as chefs extraordinary.

The train for Pocatoligo left the depot about 8 o'clock and the run to the picnic grounds was quickly made. The special T. P. A. train was Col. Thos. Wilson's contribution to the success of the occasion. Without a special train the fish fry would have been impossible, since it would have been difficult to provide vehicles to carry all of the crowd. Col. Wilson was not only thoughtful in running the train, but generous and public spirited in placing it at the disposal of the committee free of charge.

When the train arrived at its destination the fish fry committee had everything in readiness. A table, built in the shape of a hollow square, with seats for five hundred had been erected in the grove and the grounds were brilliantly lighted with a number of Kiltson lights. The supper, consisting of fried fish, McKagen chicken stew, Pocatoligo corn pone, rice, etc., was expeditiously served and two hours passed quickly and pleasantly. The Second Regiment Band furnished delightful music during the evening. The occasion was a success and the T. P. A.'s appeared to have a jolly good time.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

One Hundred and Eighteenth Council of the Diocese of South Carolina Met in Charleston Today.

Charleston, May 12.—The one hundred and eighteenth annual council of the diocese of South Carolina convened this morning in St. Phillips church, Rt. Rev. W. A. Guerry as presiding officer. The convention will be in session three days and is attended by clergymen from all parishes in the diocese, in union with delegates, not exceeding four from each parish and two from each organized mission.

The opening service was held at 10 o'clock with a sermon by Rev. W. B. Gordon, of Camden. The sermon was a memorial address on Bishop Capers. At the last council Bishop Capers was the presiding officer and Mr. Gordon was appointed by him to be the preacher at the next meeting. After the opening sermon the council was organized for business.

Among matters of interest likely to be discussed at the council is the division of the diocese, rumors of which have been in the air for some time. There are two plans proposed, one of a division by a north and south line and the other by an east and west line. The former seems the most feasible, as it will not make the two dioceses long and narrow, but will, instead, conform to the general lines of the up and low country. It is necessary that the consent of not only the bishop, but also of the general convention, which does not convene until 1910, shall be obtained before this measure can become a reality.

ROCK HILL SHUT OUT.

Rock Hill, May 12.—Chester passed nine goose eggs to the Catawbas today while the Collegians crossed the plate nine times in a slow game abounding in errors by the home team. Features, Whalen at short for locals, Fishman at short, Drake at second and Caldwell in right field for visitors.

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Rock Hill... 000 000 00—0 8 9
Beall and Miller; Haser and Swink, Umpire, Mr. Henrick.