

COUNTY CONVENTION RESULTS

A SUMMARY OF REPORTS FROM COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

Indications Are That the Supporters of Jones Were in Control of Majority of County Conventions, Although Direct Issue Was Raised in Few Places — Wilson Sentiment Still Strong in South Carolina.

With 43 Democratic county conventions heard from out of a total of 44, it appeared at midnight last night that the supporters of Judge Ira B. Jones for governor would have easy control of the State convention, which will be held here May 16. The Woodrow Wilson forces at midnight had a nucleus of 38 instructed votes, with indorsements in counties with a combined vote of 38 delegates.

The conventions, held all over South Carolina, were in the main quiet and harmonious, though in two places—Charleston and Georgetown—there were contests resulting in splits. In both cases two conventions were held, each electing county organization officers and full states of delegates. The trouble in Charleston was caused by the contest for sheriff, in which J. Elmore Martin, the incumbent, seeks re-election. In Georgetown the split came after the anti-Blease candidate for chairman, Edward Griswold, had been declared elected by one vote over J. Walter Doar.

The results show about the following on the contest for control of the State convention: Jones delegates (men from counties which indorsed the judge for governor of men whose personal preference is known to be for Jones)—223; Blease (under convention indorsement or personal affiliation)—36; uncommitted or unknown 63; total convention vote 326.

On presidential preference the vote, if vote it may be called, stands: Wilson (instructed and from counties indorsing Wilson), 76; Wilson's personal preference, 24. Total 100. Underwood (thought to favor the Alabama congressman), 8. There was no other expression of preference for president. Five counties instructed for Wilson and five indorsed him.

On the gubernatorial side there is one contest affecting the standing, this being in Georgetown, where the regulars indorsed Judge Jones and the other convention took no action with regard to preference. The same is true of the presidential race, the Georgetown regulars instructing for Wilson and the other club not expressing its preference.

A number of counties are still uncommitted.

Judge Jones' home county, Lancaster, gave him an enthusiastic indorsement. Spartanburg, which was one of the fighting points of the campaign, went for Judge Jones almost bodily, electing a solid Jones ticket of delegates, indorsing Judge Jones and instructing its delegates for Woodrow Wilson.

In Newberry county the Blease forces were in complete control and the opposition made no effort to contest the schedule of proceedings. Gov. Blease was elected member of the State Executive Committee and chairman of the delegation to the State convention. Fred H. Dominick was re-elected county chairman. A full Blease delegation to the State convention was nominated by Eugene S. Blease and elected by acclamation.

In Richland county the sentiment for Woodrow Wilson secured instruction of delegates to the State convention and also elected 11 out of 12 delegates known to favor Judge Jones.

Clarendon declared for the unit rule in the national convention.

Calhoun declared in favor of federal aid for good roads.

In Dorchester Senator Tillman's candidacy for re-election to the senate was indorsed.

In Edgefield, Senator Tillman was elected a delegate, as was J. W. Thurmond. Judge Jones' campaign manager, Judge Jones' candidacy was indorsed by a vote of 68 to 4 and he is believed to be favored by all the county's delegates.

In Marlboro county D. W. McLaurin was indorsed for State treasurer. In Orangeburg the convention indorsed the custom of electing as delegates at large the governor, the State chairman and the two United States senators.

Laurens county's convention indorsed Gov. Blease's administration and declared against any restriction on the primary vote. It also instructed its delegates to support Gov. Blease for delegate at large to the national convention.

In Barnwell, Thos. W. Peoples was indorsed for attorney general and W. W. Moore for adjutant general.

The Union convention opposed any restriction of the primary vote.

In Greenville the convention adopted a resolution looking to the reopening of entries in the primary race in case of death of one of the contestants.

In Darlington J. Monroe Spears was indorsed for solicitor and S. A. Woods for district delegate to the national convention.

In Dillon resolutions were adopted condemning corruption of the electorate and pledging candidates to stand out the practice.

Saluda county indorsed Senator Tillman for re-election.

VETERANS TO BE DINED.

All Confederate Veterans in County Invited to Court House Friday, May 10.

All of the Confederate Veterans in Sumter county, whether they belong to any camp or not, are cordially invited to meet at the court house next Friday at 1 o'clock, where the ladies of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will give a dining in their honor.

The day is Memorial Day and it has been the custom for some years in this city that the veterans be invited to a dinner given by the U. D. C. on this occasion. Following the dining in the court house at 1 o'clock vehicles will be provided for the veterans in order that they may be enabled to go to the cemetery attend the ceremonies at that place and to hear the address made by Judge C. A. Wood of Marion, who will be the orator of the occasion.

VERY FEW REGISTERING.

All Citizens Have to Register Before Voting in the Approaching Primary.

It seems to have escaped the notice of the voters of Sumter that it is necessary to register in order to vote on the question whether or not Sumter will adopt the Commission form of government.

By the act of Legislature ordering the election the books of registration closes May 11th, and those not registered will not be entitled to vote on the question. At the close of this week the registering closes, and from the present number registered, only fifty odd, it seems that our citizens do not care about voting on the matter.

Mr. F. D. Knight is supervisor of registration, and to register it is necessary to call at his office, 105 North Main street. Take with you your tax receipts and your county registration certificate as he cannot issue the certificate if you do not exhibit these.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES.

Friday, May 10th, to Be Observed as Memorial Day in this City.

As has been customary for many years, May 10th will be observed as Memorial Day in this city. On this day, as usual, it is probable that a large throng of people will gather at the cemetery to do honor to those heroes of fifty years ago.

The usual program will be carried out and the usual ceremonies observed. The address is to be delivered by Associate Justice C. A. Woods of Marion, of the State Supreme Court, and all of his associates of the Supreme Court will be present to hear him.

COTTON TRADE ACTIVE.

Excited Buying Movement Sent Level of Prices Upward—October Neared 12-cent Mark.

New York, May 6.—There was an active and exciting buying movement in cotton today and prices reached practically 2 points of the recent loss on renewal of new crop apprehension, caused by reports of rain in the South and predictions of continued bad weather. The close was today 38 to 41 points above Saturday, closing with July Contracts selling at 11.60 and October at 11.71 or 65 to 70 points above the low level reached last week and within 19 or 20 points of last month's high records.

Tribute of Respect.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His wisdom to remove our former brother and president, E. B. Muldrow, from us by the hand of death, be it

Resolved 1st. That while we, the members of the Mayesville Democratic Club, deeply deplore the loss of our friend, we must bow in humble submission to God's holy will; giving thanks for the privilege we have had of sharing the friendship of this Christian gentleman and observing the example and testimony of his life. Wishing to show our sincere appreciation of his worth and work as friend and true citizen, we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy in this their great affliction.

Resolved 2nd. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of our club, a copy be sent to the county papers and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

J. W. COOPER,
R. J. MAYES, SR.,
J. B. WARREN,
Committee.

GOT THERE AT LAST

STORY OF THE SHIPWRECK AS TOLD BY A WOMAN.

There Was a Joke in It but It Took Her a Long Time to Reach the Point, According to Tale Related by S. E. Kiser.

A story that S. E. Kiser told at the recent banquet given by the Chicago Association of Commerce for the sons of members follows:

"I told you about the difficulty of getting a woman to see the point of a joke. Now, there is another kind of woman. She is the woman who starts to tell you a joke and has difficulty in reaching the point of it.

"One of the loveliest little women that I ever knew had this trouble. She had once been unfortunate enough to be in a shipwreck. The vessel on which she was a passenger had been driven upon some rocks and was rapidly pounding to pieces when the life-savers succeeded in shooting a line over the upper works of the boat, thereby rescuing the passengers one at a time by means of the breeches buoy. There was a little incident connected with the woman's trip from the ship to the shore which she told in about this way:

"O, it was the most awful experience I ever had in all my life. I do hope nothing of the kind will ever happen to me again, but do you know when I was about half way between the ship and the shore swinging on that little bit of line and expecting every minute was going to be my last, the funniest thought suddenly popped into my mind just when I was there half way between the ship and the shore, and O! how those waves dashed and roared beneath me as I swung there just as if they were going to tear me into pieces in a minute. My, it was awful! But as I say, I was there half way between the ship and the shore when this funny thing came to my mind of all the places in the world. I can't imagine why it came to me there. You know my husband always treats me like a mere child, he doesn't let me handle the money and wouldn't even allow me to go around and buy a piece of steak, but just as I was there about half way, as I say, this funny thought struck me—and my, it was dark, awful dark!

"Well, as I was there, I say, swinging on this little bit of rope about half way between the ship and the shore, and suddenly this funny thought came to my mind. Now, the captain, I thought, was a coward the minute we got on the rocks, because he gave up, but the mate was one of the bravest men I ever saw in my life. But there I was half way between the ship and the shore and with nothing but that little bit of rope between me and death, expecting every minute to be the last minute of my life, and suddenly this funny thought sprang into my head and I was thinking also that my children would have a stepmother inside of a year if I was drowned, and, O, how it thundered and lightened, and my, how wet I was, I never was so wet in my life. I sometimes think it runs in our family, because I had a cousin drowned at sea. Well, as I say, there I was, about half way between the ship and the shore, swinging there, and suddenly the thought popped right into my mind just as suddenly as if some one had spoken it to me right out loud—suddenly the thought popped into my head there. 'Well, I had the breeches on for once anyhow.'

Busiest Men in the Country.

While it is not possible to state the exact average production of eggs per hen in one year it is conservatively estimated in the United States to be about seventy. By improved methods of breeding, feeding and selection birds have been found with actual individual records of 200 to 257 eggs a year.

Only one hen has been found at Cornell that laid as high as 257 eggs in a year, but this one example of the degree of perfection to which the breeders' art has attained is valuable for the pace it sets for others to follow and surpass. The net profit obtained from the sale of these 257 eggs amounted to \$5.06.—Christian Herald.

Insanity Not Inherited.

"Most persons think that insanity may be directly inherited," says Homer Folks in the State Charities' Bulletin. "This belief is undoubtedly wrong. One may inherit a greater or less tendency toward insanity. Mental instability may be inherited, just as weak constitutions may be inherited. Those who have reason to believe that some of their ancestors suffered from mental troubles need not be unduly alarmed, for this fact does not make it certain that they will suffer likewise. These tendencies toward insanity may lie dormant during the whole lives of the individuals. But such persons should take the proper precautions to prevent the development of this tendency. As a weak constitution may be built up by healthy habits, so may mental instability be made stable by good mental and physical habits. The individual whose family has had mental trouble may often escape the disease by proper surroundings, healthful and temperate activities, and proper mental and physical habits. The most important fact in heredity is that the vast majority of ancestors of every individual were normal. Heredity tends, therefore, rather more strongly toward health than disease.

Give us your job work.

BRYAN IN WASHINGTON.

Nebraskan Disclaims Political Purposes, Discusses Direct Election of Senators.

Washington, May 4.—William Jennings Bryan, just returned from the South, visited the capitol today, conferred with Speaker Champ Clark and with other Democratic leaders and was facetiously called "Satan" by Former Speaker Cannon.

Mr. Bryan, disclaiming that he was on any political mission, announced that he had discussed with Democratic leaders the bill to provide for direct election of United States senators which has been conference since last summer.

"Mr. Bryan prefers the direct elections bill as passed by the house," said Representative Rucker of Missouri, in charge of the bill for the house, "but since we can not have that bill on account of the persistent opposition in the senate, Mr. Bryan is willing, like the rest of us, to accept the situation and take the senate amendment in order to get the bill upon the statute books."

The senate amendment preserves to the federal government the supervision of the time, manner and place of holding senatorial elections in the various States. House conferees agreed to accept it after 16 conferences.

Mr. Rucker will present the conference report in the house and ask its adoption next week.

While Mr. Bryan was conferring in the lobby, former Speaker Cannon entered unaware of the Nebraskan's presence. He had just referred to Mr. Bryan in remarks on the floor and as the latter rose to greet him, the former speaker shook his hands and exclaimed: "Well, well, talk about Satan and he shows up."

Everybody laughed and Mr. Cannon explained that in his remarks relating to the salary of the secretary to the president he had said: "I don't know who will be in the White House next March. It may be a Democrat, it may be a Republican, it may be a what-ot—I did not mean to call Mr. Bryan by name."

BEFORE SUPREME COURT TODAY.

Proceedings Against Blease Appointees—City Election.

Columbia, May 5.—The quo warranto proceedings to oust Blease's appointees as magistrate in Spartanburg county will come before the Supreme court tomorrow, Attorney General Lyon appearing for the State. The other matters to be taken up by the court on tomorrow will be cases from the 5th circuit.

Besides the county convention tomorrow the people of Columbia will vote on whether R. C. Keenan or R. W. Shand will represent them on the commission government council for the next four years. Dr. Earle was nominated in the first primary and the second will be between Messrs Keenan and Shand Tuesday.

ALLEN MADE THREATS.

More Witnesses Testify Against Accused Mountaineer.

Wytheville, Va., May 4.—"I'll stand for any fine, but if they try to put me in the penitentiary I'll make the biggest hole in that court any man ever did and if Judge Bolen don't do his duty I'll leave him there with them."

This threat was made by Floyd Allen previous to the Hillsville court house murders, according to one witness today. Judge Bolen was Allen's counsel.

Nine witnesses for the commonwealth against Floyd Allen had testified when court adjourned early this afternoon to permit Judge Staples and four of the attorneys for the defense to go to Roanoke to vote in a municipal primary.

Witnesses testified that Victor and Priel Allen participated in the shooting and that Floyd Allen shot at William M. Foster, the dead commonwealth's attorney. One said Sidna Allen and not Claude fired the first shot.

Jack Allen, the brother of Floyd, and several other members of the Allen clan who have been her attending the trial, left for their homes today. The trial will be resumed Monday.

MUST HANG FOR GIRL'S MURDER.

Edward Brazell, Slayer of Nurse, to Hang May 24.

Augusta, Ga., May 4.—J. Edward Brazell, a young sign painter, who last December shot and killed Carrie Bella Duncan, 17-year-old girl, has been sentenced to hang on May 24. Brazell killed the girl with a shotgun while she was in attendance upon his sick wife.

It is stated that Brazell was infatuated with the girl and that she repulsed his advances. The girl's body fell on the bed, where Mrs. Brazell was lying helpless and ill. Brazell is said to have been drinking heavily at the time.

WOODROW WILSON ENDORSED.

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there should be no developments between this date and the National Convention rendering him unavailable as the standard bearer of the party.

Resolved: That the record of the Hon. Woodrow Wilson, as a private citizen and public official, stamp him as the man best qualified to lead the Democratic party to victory and to give the country an honest, progressive and democratic government, under which all men would enjoy their full rights and privileges, the rule of the bosses would be ended and the corrupt influence of special interests and monopolistic corporations over the legislative and executive departments of the national government would be destroyed.

And be it further resolved, that the delegates representing Sumter County in the State Convention be instructed to vote as a unit on all matters coming before the Convention."

The resolutions were criticised on one side because they were not strong enough and on the other because they were too strong. The resolutions were taken up one at a time, on motion of Mr. Strauss. Mr. Strauss' resolution was reconsidered after a while, however, and the motion was again made as a whole. The motion that the resolutions, which were read to the house, be adopted as a whole was tabled on motion of Mr. Sanders, who was opposed to anything like instruction of the delegation for any one man.

The fight was made on the second paragraph which instructed the delegates to vote for Wilson as long as he was available as a candidate, unless there were circumstances which should change conditions from what they were at present between now and the time the national convention met. The first paragraph of the resolution was finally passed on motion of Mr. A. K. Sanders and the other part defeated. Another motion was also passed that the delegation to the State convention be instructed to vote as a unit in all matters coming before the convention. This motion was proposed by Mr. Manning.

During the discussion H. C. Haynsworth at one time made a motion that the delegation be instructed to vote for Woodrow Wilson first, last and all the time. This motion, made as a substitute, was overwhelmingly defeated. Another motion made later by Mr. Bernard Manning that the convention endorse Oscar W. Underwood as the Democratic standard bearer was turned down, there being not half a dozen votes in favor of it. The majority of the members of the convention seemed to be in favor of Wilson for the presidency, but did not wish to instruct their delegates to vote for him, but wanted to leave them free—freedom of action for the delegates with Wilson as the choice for president being seemingly what the convention wanted to impart to its delegates. A motion made by Mr. L. C. Strauss seemed to carry this sense and it was voted and overwhelmingly carried. Mr. Strauss' motion as amended and passed was: "Resolved: Without instruction that, under existing conditions, it is the sense of this convention, that Hon. Woodrow Wilson should be determined upon as the standard bearer of the Democratic party."

The clubs at Reid's and Pleasant Grove, which had been re-organized, were admitted to membership in the county organization. Upon motion of J. B. Warren a resolution was passed that after the primary the county chairman publish a list of all receipts and disbursements of the county organization, this resolution being offered, it was stated, to help make the collections from the various clubs, when there is a deficit.

MAGNOLIA SEASON OVER.

Floral Parade Visited by Hundreds this Year.

The season of Magnolia Garden excursions closed yesterday. The glory of the flowers is now on the wane, and for this year the excursions to the famous Eden of beauty on the Ashley are at an end. Hundreds of people visited the Gardens this past spring, and their beauty and glory will, no doubt, be as widely advertised throughout the United States as it has been heretofore.

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Some one stated on the streets today that the three most interesting spots in the city just now were three holes in the ground—northeast corner Main and Liberty streets, northwest corner Main and Liberty streets and southeast corner Main and Bartlette streets. These are interesting places, but others ought to have been added—the excavation on Liberty street where the gas line is being placed and on Main street north of the Hotel Sumter where Mr. Crosswell is building his stores.

THREE WORLD'S RECORDS.

Teddy Tetlaff Wins 303 Mile Even-Driving at Phenomenal Speed of 78.5 Miles an Hour.

Santa Monica, Cal., May 4.—Three new world's records were established at the fourth annual Santa Monica automobile races here today. Teddy Tetlaff of Los Angeles, driving a 90-horse power Fiat, won the 303-mile free-for-all, with the phenomenal average of 78.5 miles an hour, breaking the previous mark of 74.63, made last year by Harvey Herrick, in a National, on the same course. Caleb Bragg of Pasadena was second with David Bruce Brown of New York, the favorite, third.

In the medium car event, Ralph De Palma, in a Mercer set a new record of 69.54 miles an hour for 151 miles and in the light car event, George Joermann of Los Angeles, driving a Maxwell, placed the 101-mile record for small cars at 61.86 miles an hour.

Only one accident that assumed a serious aspect marred the day's racing. Near the close of the free-for-all, David Lewis in a Stutz car threw a tire. The flying tire struck William Ross, a local resident. He was not seriously hurt.

David Bruce Brown and Barney Oldfield, who announced that he would be able to "come back," were practically "raced off their wheels." Tetlaff set a heart-breaking race and throughout the long grid Bragg seemed to be the only driver able to keep within distance of him.

Mr. Lewis H. Cary, of Greenville, president of the State Association of Elks, was in the city Sunday, when he met many of the brothers of the order belonging to the local lodge.

Candidates' Cards.

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

For Sheriff.

Capt. E. S. Carson is hereby announced as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election, having before discharged the duties of that office with promptness and efficiency, we take pleasure in recommending him for said office, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

MANY VOTERS.

I hereby offer myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

J. K. BRADFORD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the rules governing Democratic primaries.

W. H. SEALE.

Capt. Geo. C. Warren is hereby announced as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

VOTERS.

For House of Representatives.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Sumter County, pledging myself to abide by the result of the Democratic Primary.

R. D. EPPS.

Dr. F. M. Dwight is hereby unanimously nominated, as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules governing the Primary. We bespeak for him the suffrage of his fellow countrymen.

The Wedgfield Democratic Club.

For Supervisor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor of Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

P. M. PITTS.

For Clerk of Court.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of Court for Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

L. I. PARROTT.

The name of H. L. Scarborough is presented as a candidate for Clerk of Court for Sumter County in the coming Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Clerk of Court of Sumter county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

JOHN R. SUMTER.

For Solicitor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Solicitor of the Third Judicial Circuit, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

PHILIP H. STOLL.