

Sec. 1. All elections by the people shall be by ballot.

Sec. 2. All male inhabitants of this State, except idiots and insane persons, and Indians, not taxed, citizens of the United States, or naturalized, twenty-one years old and upwards, who have resided in the State six months, and in the county in which next preceding the day of election, at which said inhabitant offers to vote, and who are duly registered according to the requirements of section three of this article, and who are not disqualified by reason of any conviction, are declared to be qualified electors.

Sec. 3. The Legislature shall provide by law, for the registration of all persons entitled to vote at any election, and all persons entitled to register shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear or affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I am twenty-one years old, that I have resided in this State six months, and in the county one month; that I will faithfully support and obey the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of the State of Mississippi, and will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I am not disfranchised in any of the provisions of the acts known as the reconstruction acts of the 20th and 40th Congress, that I admit the political and civil equality of all men, so help me God." Provided, that if Congress shall, at any time, remove the disabilities of any person disfranchised in the said reconstruction acts of the 20th and 40th Congress, (and the Legislature of this State shall concur therein,) then so much of this oath, and so much only, as refers to the said reconstruction acts, shall not be required of such person so long as to entitle him to be registered.

Sec. 4. No person shall be eligible to an office of profit or trust, or to any office of militia of this State, who is not qualified elector.

CARPET-BAGGERS TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF THE ABOVE DISFRANCHISING CLAUSE.

GIBBS.

"I believe from the expressions of opinion in various portions of the State, that the constitution (containing the foregoing clauses) has received a majority of the registered legal voters of the State, and that they would prefer to see it today adopted as their plan than to see it rejected."

CASTELLO.

"QUESTION BY MR. BECK. Do you think a majority of the white people are in favor of the disfranchisement contained in that instrument?"

MR. CASTELLO. I cannot say as to that. MR. BECK. Are the negroes in favor of disfranchisement?"

MR. CASTELLO. Yes, sir, they are in favor of putting the disfranchising clause in the State Constitution. Do you mind, giving them away personally out of the State?"

MR. CASTELLO. Yes, sir, from the manner in which they have been treated in the last election.

MR. BROOKS.—That is your opinion?"

MR. CASTELLO. That is my opinion.—E. J. Castello's evidence.

STAFFORD.

"I believe the people of Mississippi would adopt the constitution (containing the foregoing clauses) under the reconstruction laws by a majority of 25 or 30,000."—G. W. Van Hook's evidence.

H. T. FISHER.

"We (the Radicals) held a Convention at Jackson on the 25th of November composed of delegates from every portion of the State, and it was firmly resolved then that the immediate admission of the State (that is under the disfranchising constitution) was the only hope and safety of the loyal people. This is the unanimous voice of the entire party. THERE ARE A FEW FACTIOUS MEN WHO WOULD DISREGARD THE DECISION OF THE PARTY AT THIS POINT, AND URGE PLANS OF THEIR OWN, BUT THEY DO NOT SPEAK FOR THE PARTY."

STAFFORD.

"I find the public mind of the State to be divided about as follows. Republicans are in favor of ratification and admission under the constitution under the reconstruction laws, as noted on last page; Secondly, that very great change has taken place in the mind and disposition of our late opponents. They seem to expect ratification (viz, adoption of the constitution) under the reconstruction program, and what is more they do not seem to dislike the idea very much after all!"—Stafford's letter, dated December 31st 1865.

Platform OF THE CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS.

Resolutions of the Convention of June 23d.

Resolved, That we express our unflinching devotion to the great principles of the National Union Republican Party, and that we look forward with hope and confidence to the early restoration of our State government in strict accordance with the Reconstruction Laws of the Congress of the United States.

Resolved, That the repeated failures of all former and existing organizations to restore the State and to meet the requirements of the Republican spirit of our institutions by insisting upon measures of proscription far exceeding the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and of the Reconstruction Acts of Congress have rendered them unworthy of the respect and confidence of the voters of Mississippi.

Resolved, That in the language of President Grant, "The question of suffrage is one which is likely to agitate the public so long as a portion of the citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges, and in his own words, we favor such constitution and laws, as will effectually secure the civil and political rights of all persons, a consummation we devoutly desire at the earliest practicable moment, with safety and justice to all."

We confide in and will support Major General Ames, Military Commander, and Governor of this State; we look to him as the representative of the President, and of Congress, and regard him as able and firm in peace, as in war, his quiet yet decided administration commands our confidence and admiration. For his order relieving the poor of a heavy burden of unequal taxes, and for the order abolishing distinctions of color for the jury, and for the marked ability and independence displayed by him, the loyal people owe him a debt of gratitude which they can never repay, save by a life of like devotion to the principles he represents.

We look to Congress as the assembled wisdom and expressed will of the nation. At whatever cost of obloquy or life, we shall in the future, as in the past, stand unwaveringly by the laws and policy of the National Legislature. A united nation and the principles of liberty owe their existence to-day, to the firmness, patriotism and wisdom, of a Republican Congress.

AGENTS FOR THE CLARION.

H. L. DUNCAN.....Water Valley, Miss. Geo. W. McMurtrie.....Fayette, Miss. W. T. RATLIFF.....Raymond, Miss. W. S. VASABO.....Oyaka, Miss. GEO. E. GRACEY.....Summit, Miss. J. D. FRENCH.....Waltham, Miss. S. P. McCREE.....Catsville, Miss. E. E. MIMS.....Utica, Miss. J. MARSH NEWTON.....Crystal Springs, Miss. BARREDALE.....Yazoo City, Miss. L. G. WOODLAND.....Senatobia, Miss. CHAS. T. BOND.....New Albany, Miss. WYAND PENNYBAKER.....Cotton Plant, Miss. DAVID JOHNSON.....Fulton, Miss. J. L. FLYNN.....Guntown, Miss. ROBERT FRANKER.....Hazeligh, Miss. CALVIN BLUE.....Union Church, Miss. WM. DELAY.....Oxford, Miss. W. L. HARRISON.....Pittsburg, Miss. JULIUS NICHOLS.....Byhalia, Miss. F. M. JAMES.....Houston, Miss. H. HANSLON.....Hazelhurst, Miss.

Resolved, That we express our thanks to the President and the Congress of the United States for rejecting the scheme to impose the rejected Constitution upon the people of this State, and affirm our unwavering support of the administration of General Grant.

Resolved, That we announce ourselves unqualifiedly in favor of universal suffrage, and universal amnesty, upon the restoration of the State to her Federal relations, and pledge ourselves in good faith to urge upon Congress the removal of all political disabilities incurred by participation in the late rebellion.

Resolved, That the State Executive Committee be authorized and instructed to issue, in behalf of this Convention, an Address to the People of this State, declaratory of the principles and sentiments of the National Union Republican Party of Mississippi.

Resolved, That the State Executive Committee be authorized and instructed to issue a call for a State Convention, composed of Delegates representing the different Counties of the State, to meet at such time and places they may deem expedient, for the purpose of nominating a State and Congressional ticket.

On motion of Judge Speed, of Warren, the Secretary was instructed to furnish the Delegates representing the different Counties of the State, with copies of the Resolutions of the Convention, in respect of party, for publication.

On motion, the Convention adjourned sine die.

JEFF. L. WOFFORD, President. E. A. JENKS, Secretary.

Per Annum.....\$8 00

WEKELY.

Per Annum.....\$8 00

Proclamation by the President Ordering an Election in Mississippi

WASHINGTON, July 14, 1865.

In pursuance of the provision of an act of Congress, approved April 10th, 1865, I hereby designate Tuesday, the 30th day of November, 1865, as the time for submitting the Constitution, adopted on the 15th of May, 1865, by the Convention which met in Jackson, Miss., to the voters of said State, registered at the date of said submission, viz.: November 30th, 1865, and I submit to separate the vote of that part of section 3, of article 7, of said Constitution, which is in the following words:

"That I am not disfranchised in any of the provisions of the acts known as the reconstruction acts of the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congress, and that I admit the political and civil equality of all men, so help me God;" provided, that if Congress should at any time remove the disabilities of any persons disfranchised in said reconstruction acts of the said Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congress, and the Legislature of this State should thereon, then so much of this oath only as refers to the reconstruction acts shall not be required of such persons so long as to entitle him to be registered.

And I further submit to a separate vote, to be taken at the same time and place, the following words:

"No person shall be eligible to office of profit or trust, civil or military, in this State who was a member of the Legislature that voted for the call of the convention that passed the ordinance of secession, or as a signed any ordinance of secession, or who gave voluntary aid, countenance or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility to the United States, or who accepted or attempted to exercise the functions of a civil or military, under any authority or pretended government, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto, except all persons who aided reconstruction by voting for this Convention, or have continuously advocated its principles, or who have been in any way connected with the late so-called Confederate States army."

And I further submit to separate vote article 5, sec. 7, of said constitution, which is in the following words:

"The credit of the State shall not be pledged in any manner to any person, association or corporation, nor shall the State hereafter become a stockholder in any corporation or association."

And I further submit to separate the vote in the part of the ordinance prescribed in article 12 of said constitution, which is in the following words:

"That I have never, as a member of any convention, voted for or signed any ordinance of secession; that I have never been a member of the State Legislature that voted for any Convention that passed any such ordinance. The above oath shall also be taken by all city and county officers before entering on their duties, and by all other State officers not included in the above provisions."

Each voter favoring the ratification of the new Constitution excluding the provisions above quoted as adopted by the Convention of May 15th, 1865, shall express his judgment by voting for the Constitution.

Each voter favoring the rejection of the Constitution excluding the provisions above quoted, shall express his judgment by voting against the Constitution; each voter will be allowed to cast a separate ballot for or against either or both of the provisions above quoted. It is understood that sections 4 to 13, inclusive, under the head of ordinance, are considered as forming no part of said Constitution.

Done at the city of Washington, this 10th day of July, in the year of our Lord 1865, and of the Independence of the United States, the ninety-fourth.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT. By the President: HAMILTON FISH, Secretary of State.

Resolutions of the National Union Republican Convention of June 23d, 1865.

Resolved, That this Convention now proceed to organize the National Union Republican Party of the State of Mississippi.

Resolved, That we express our unflinching devotion to the great principles of the National Union Republican Party, and that we look forward with hope and confidence to the early restoration of our State government in strict accordance with the Reconstruction Laws of the Congress of the United States.

Resolved, That the repeated failures of all former and existing organizations to restore the State and to meet the requirements of the Republican spirit of our institutions by insisting upon measures of proscription far exceeding the provisions of the Constitution of the United States and of the Reconstruction Acts of Congress have rendered them unworthy of the respect and confidence of the voters of Mississippi.

Resolved, That in the language of President Grant, "The question of suffrage is one which is likely to agitate the public so long as a portion of the citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges in any State;" and therefore we sincerely favor the addition of the proposed 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which is likely to agitate the public so long as a portion of the citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges in any State;" and therefore we sincerely favor the addition of the proposed 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which is likely to agitate the public so long as a portion of the citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges in any State;" and therefore we sincerely favor the addition of the proposed 15th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which is likely to agitate the public so long as a portion of the citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges in any State;" and 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