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## THE STATE CONVENTION.

### A GOOD TICKET PUT IN THE FIELD.

### Abbeville County is Honored by the Election of James H. Rice Superintendent of Education.

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As the last stroke of the hour of twelve rang out from the pretty little cupola that ornaments the pretty little Opera House at the State Capital, Gen. James F. Izlar, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, ascended the stage of the Opera House and called the State Democratic Convention of 1886 to order. The house was taxed to its utmost capacity to hold the crowd that had assembled within its walls. The parquette and orchestra seats were reserved for the delegates, who just about filled all the seats, while the sovereigns were accommodated with seats in the second tier. The private boxes were reserved for the ladies, a limited number of whom only could be accommodated with seats.

The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. D. Brown, the veteran sergeant at arms of the House of Representatives, and were as complete and perfect as could be expected with the limited space and resources at his command. The seats of the delegates were designated by small American flags bearing the names of the various counties. Admission to the hall was had by means of tickets issued by the sergeant-at-arms, the number being limited to about five hundred, including the three hundred or more delegates.

The desk of the chairman and secretaries were placed upon the stage, while the members of the press, who were present in large numbers, were provided with tables to the right and left of the chair and near the wings. Col. J. Q. Marshall, secretary of the State committee, had a desk on the left of the chair.

After requesting the delegates to be seated Gen. Izlar directed the secretary to read the call of the State committee under which the Convention met. Gen. Izlar then said:

"By virtue of the authority granted me by the Constitution of the Democratic party, I nominate as temporary chairman of this Convention Gen. Johnson Hagood, of Barnwell county." (Applause.)

Gen. Hagood was unanimously elected, and as he ascended the platform leading to the stage, escorted by the sergeant-at-arms, was received with another round of applause. On being introduced by Gen. Izlar, Gen. Hagood said:

"I beg to thank you, gentlemen of the Convention, for the honor you have conferred upon me by making me your temporary chairman, and, as your time is short and your session important, I shall not detain you, but will proceed at once to the work of permanent organization."

The roll of counties was then called, and the credentials of the delegates handed up to the secretary by the chairmen of the respective delegations.

The secretary was then directed to call the roll, but was interrupted by Mr. R. D. Lee, of Sumter, who complained that the members of the Sumter delegation were not provided with seats.

Mr. Thompson, of Oconee, said that the Oconee delegation labored under a similar disadvantage, and Mr. W. R. Kelly, of Barnwell, advised that the roll of counties be called and the delegations seated in turn. This course was adopted, and after considerable merry and good-natured scrouging and persistent and intelligent engineering on the part of the sergeant-at-arms, the delegates were wedged into their places and the calling of the roll of delegates followed.

ABBEVILLE.

L. M. Moore, W. O. Bradley,
E. W. Watson, J. H. Morrah,
J. E. Bradley, W. D. Mars,
J. C. Maxwell, W. T. Cowan,
J. E. Browalee, R. R. Hemphill,
David Aiken, W. C. Benet.

AIKEN.

D. S. Henderson, G. W. Croft,
Frank Dunbar, James L. Quinby,
Q. C. Jordan, J. H. Morgan,
C. E. Sawyer, J. E. Murray,
J. C. Hutson, R. C. Brabham.

ANDERSON.

P. K. McCuller, M. P. Tribble,
T. A. Hudgens, R. W. Simpson,
E. B. Murray, B. F. Whitner,
B. K. Norris, J. G. Clinkscales,
M. C. Parker, J. W. Norris.

BARNWELL.

G. W. N. Williams, Dr. N. F. Kirkland, Sr,
Johnson Hagood, J. W. Kenny,
J. R. Black, Sr., L. T. Izlar,
John W. Holmes, M. Brown,
George H. Bates, D. P. Sojourner,
John D. Browne, W. R. Kelly.

BEAUFORT.

William Elliot, S. H. Rodgers,
C. S. Williams, W. F. Colcock,
F. C. Fishburne, J. F. Green,
Jas. M. Rhett, Thos. Talbert.

BERKELEY.

C. St. G. Sinkler, S. Porcher Smith,
T. S. Browning, G. W. Ward,
R. S. Prinele, J. J. Williams,
J. W. L. Clement, R. M. Lofton,
G. B. Davis, Jas. L. Jervey,
Wm. Webb, W. M. Hale.

CHARLESTON.

G. L. Buist, F. W. Dawson,
Hugh Ferguson, W. H. Brawley,
A. T. Smythe, C. H. Simonton,
J. M. Kinloch, J. D. Cappelmann,
G. A. Wagener, J. L. Perry,
J. A. Smyth, A. S. Trumbo,
T. W. Bacot, W. A. Boyle,
Alex. Melchers, F. Kressel, Jr.,
J. A. Moroso, J. F. Ellienthal,
R. C. Barkley, Geo. D. Bryan,
H. J. McCormack, Theo D. Jervey, Jr.,
E. H. Gadsden, S. L. Hinson,
A. H. DuPre, F. L. Frost,
H. M. Lofton, Jas. M. Seignious.

CHESTER.

Wade Osborne, B. A. Ragsdale,
J. H. McDaniel, R. T. Mockbee,
W. R. Davie, O. Barber,
J. L. Glenn, J. D. Sanders.

CHESTERFIELD.

H. W. Finlayson, W. S. Jackson,
J. F. Miller, E. J. Kennedy,
J. M. Hough, D. F. Redfearn.

CLARENDON.

David W. Brailsford, G. M. Hicks,
Jos. F. Rhame, Jas. E. Davis,
Dr. John I. Ingram, C. S. Land.

COLLETON.

M. P. Howell, W. P. Murphy,
W. B. Utsey, L. A. Harper,
Geo. Tupper, J. A. Quackenbush,
C. G. Henderson, W. J. Fishburn,
W. F. Bellinger, J. R. Stokes,
M. R. Cooper, M. J. Clement.

DARLINGTON.

G. W. Brown, E. R. Melver,
E. W. Cannon, R. W. Boyd,
J. E. Bass, W. E. James,
J. J. Ward, W. W. Galloway.
C. S. McCullough, S. A. Gregg.

EDGEFIELD.

B. R. Tillman, W. L. Durst,
W. H. Timmerman, J. H. Bouknight,
A. B. Bates, W. J. Talbert,
J. B. Brooks, N. G. Evans,
J. P. Blackwell, E. J. Bouknight,
Belton Davenport, J. H. Edwards.

FAIRFIELD.

R. H. Jennings, C. E. Thomas,
T. S. Brice, Amos E. Davis,
John W. Harrison, S. R. Rutland,
John W. Lyles, Wm. J. Johnson.

GEORGETOWN.

J. B. Steele, O. B. Skinner,
Josiah Dear, L. S. Enrichs,
E. T. Sparkman, M. St. J. Mazyck.

GREENVILLE.

Jas L. Orr, Dr. T. T. Earle,
B. F. Perry, Jr., M. F. Ansel,
J. H. Heyward, Jas. A. Hoyt,
A. B. Byrd, John W. McCullough,
J. M. Whitman, M. L. Donaldson.

HAMPTON.

C. J. C. Hutson, Jas. W. Moore,
W. J. Gooding, R. T. Causey,
E. F. Warren, H. M. Ulmer,
A. M. Ruth, J. P. Solomons.

HORRY.

Wm. McG. Buck, Jeremiah Smith,
C. P. Quattlebaum, Dr. Evan Norton,
R. G. Sessions, L. D. Graham.

KERSHAW.

G. G. Alexander, G. W. Mosely,
L. C. Hough, W. M. Shannon,
J. C. Thompson, J. J. Bell,
T. H. Clarke, W. F. Russell.

LANCASTER.

C. T. Connors, H. G. McIlwain,
Ira B. Jones, R. E. Allison,
J. P. Hunter, T. J. McDow.

LAURENS.

G. W. Shell, W. A. Stone,
J. B. Humbert, John H. Wharton,
R. J. Copeland, A. B. Stuart,
Dr. John S. Wolf, M. M. Teague.

LEXINGTON.

S. P. Wingard, H. J. Seibels,
Dr. W. T. Brooker, A. Mims,
J. H. Counts, W. B. Plunkett.

MARION.

N. S. Gibson, J. C. Bethea,
E. A. Bethea, J. H. Stafford,
W. J. Montgomery, J. G. Blue,
W. H. Ellerbe, W. A. Brown.
Dr. W. Harrell,

MARLBORO'.

W. D. Evans, M. A. J. Moore,
C. S. McCall, R. H. Hodges,
Charles Crosland, R. M. Pegues.

NEWBERRY.

R. T. C. Hunter, E. P. Chalmers,
J. M. Johnstone, G. B. Cromer,
P. O. Smith, John W. Scott,
J. K. P. Goggans, J. A. Sligh.

OCONEE.

J. W. Zimmerman, J. C. Carey,
R. A. Thompson, J. W. Shelor,
J. S. Verner, W. A. Lowry.

ORANGEBURG.

J. F. Izlar, Dr. O. H. Ott,
R. B. Tarrant, Dr. A. S. Hydrick,
J. H. Hydrick, C. G. Dantzler,
Dr. R. W. Bates, John H. Dukes,
J. H. Felder, Dr. J. C. Holman,
L. S. Connor, W. L. Graze.

PICKENS.

R. A. Child, R. F. Lenhart,
W. A. Clyde, R. G. Gaines,
R. E. Bowen, W. V. Clayton.

RICHLAND.

G. A. Kaminer, John C. Haskell,
Dr. A. N. Talley, J. Q. Marshall,
William Wallace, John T. Rhett,
Thomas Taylor, W. D. Starling,
W. S. Hope, J. Frost Walker,
Frank Hampton, T. D. Hopkins.

SPARTANBURG.

D. R. Duncan, Geo. B. Dean,
T. J. Moore, S. J. Simpson,
C. Ebersmith, J. B. O. Landrum,
John Wofford, N. F. Walker,
T. E. Moore, F. M. Trimmier.

SUMTER.

J. M. Moseley, R. D. Lee,
F. J. Mayes, W. O. Cain,
Altamont Moses, A. S. Brown,
J. D. Graham, D. E. Keels,
W. L. Sanders, R. M. Cooper.

UNION.

G. D. Peake, C. C. Culp,
A. A. Sarratt, J. P. Thomas,
W. T. Jeter, Lowndes Browning
W. T. Littlejohn, Dr. Robert Little.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Jos. E. Brockington, W. Cooper,
B. J. Haynesworth, G. J. Graham,
T. M. Gilland, Edward Harper,
W. H. Kennedy, J. N. Boyd.

YORK.

B. D. Springs, R. H. Glenn,
A. R. Banks, G. W. S. Hart.
J. F. Hart, C. E. Spencer,
Allen Jones, John R. London,
J. L. Rainey, L. M. Grist.

#### The Organization and Officers.

The roll of the delegates having been called and the Convention being ready for business, Major G. Lamb Buist, of Charleston, obtained the floor and offered in nomination for the office of permanent chairman of the Convention Ex-Governor Johnson Hagood. [Applause.] The nomination was seconded by a half dozen delegates, and coupled with cries of "Vote by acclamation." Major Buist accordingly put the question, and announced that Gen. Hagood had been unanimously elected president of the Convention.

#### Patriotic Advice.

Gen. Hagood, addressing the Convention after his election, spoke as follows:

"We are assembled here to-day, gentlemen of the Convention, as Democrats. There is no man in this large body whose allegiance to that grand old party is not true and single. [Applause.] It is not unlikely, then, in this off year that questions of party doctrine or measures of party policy will enter largely into your deliberations. But there are measures which occupy the minds of the people, measures which will come before you, and, affecting as they do the machinery and management of the Government of our State, will, for many a day, affect our welfare. To the calm, patriotic and deliberate investigation of these subjects I invoke your deliberation, remembering always that we are children of a common mother, and that our interests are one. [Applause.]

"For myself, my views, like those of many of you, upon these questions, are decided; heartily in favor of some, differing as to others. But in the office to which your kind partiality has elevated me I shall remember that my official duty is not to direct your will, but to learn it and to execute it. [Applause.]

"Thanking you for the honor you have done me, I beg to ask your kind consideration of my efforts in the discharge of the duties you have imposed."

Nominations were then called for seven vice presidents, when the following nominations were made by the several Congressional Districts.

First—Col. C. H. Simonton, of Charleston.
Second—Mr. G. W. Croft, of Aiken.
Third—Mr. W. C. Benet, of Abbeville.
Fourth—Col. D. R. Duncan, of Spartanburg.
Fifth—Col. W. R. Davie, of Chester.
Sixth—Col. J. G. Blue, of Marion.
Seventh—Col. William Elliott, of Beaufort.

All of whom were elected by acclamation and unanimously.

Nominations were then called for two secretaries.

Col. John C. Haskell nominated Mr. W. S. Verner, of Oconee.

Mr. Walker nominated Col. J. Q. Marshall, of Richland.

Mr. H. J. McCormack nominated Mr. John A. Moroso, of Charleston.

Col. Marshall having declined the nomination, Messrs. Verner and Moroso were elected by acclamation.

The election of Mr. J. D. Brown, of Barnwell, as sergeant-at-arms completed the work of permanent organization.

#### Endorsing the Administration.

The Hon. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, introduced the following resolutions, which, after some discussion as to the order of business, were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Democracy of South Carolina, in Convention assembled, send greetings and congratulations to their fellow-Democrats of the Union upon the return of the National Democratic party to the administration of the affairs of the nation.

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the wise, patriotic and statesmanlike Administration of President Cleveland and his Cabinet.

After the introduction of these resolutions and before a vote was reached, Major A. T. Smythe moved the appointment of a committee of one from each Congressional District to whom all resolutions should be referred without debate.

Col. J. C. Haskell moved that the committee consist of two from each Congressional District, which amendment was accepted.

Mr. Henderson, however, insisted upon passing his resolutions. He saw no reason why they should go to the committee—there could be no dissent to them. [Applause.]

#### The Death of Mr. Tilden.

The announcement of the death of the Hon. S. J. Tilden had been bulletined at the *News and Courier* Bureau shortly after its reception in Charleston, and was generally known to the delegates. Mr. G. W. Croft, of Aiken, after the adoption of Mr. Henderson's resolution, arose and amid profound silence announced the sad news, and offered the following resolutions, which were at once adopted:

*Resolved*, By the Democratic party of South Carolina in Convention assembled. That we have heard with profound regret of the death of the Hon. Samuel J. Tilden of New York.

*Resolved*, That this illustrious citizen exemplified in his life the true patriot and devoted supporter of constitutional liberty, and that by his death the nation has lost one of her most eminent and useful statesmen.

*Resolved*, That though by fraud deprived of the office of President we shall cherish him in memory along with Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, and the other great statesmen that have by their wisdom and love of liberty brought such lustre to the institutions of our country.

#### The Committee on Platform.

The motion for the appointment of a committee on resolutions and platform was then renewed by Col. J. C. Haskell.

Mr. Hoyt, of Greenville, moved to amend by making the committee consist of one member from each county.

Capt. F. W. Dawson suggested as a further amendment that each delegation be allowed to elect its representative on said committee.

Both amendments were accepted, and at a late stage of the meeting the roll of counties was called, and the following committee on platform and resolutions was announced.

Abbeville, W. O. Bradley; Aiken, C. E. Sawyer; Anderson, R. W. Simpson; Barnwell, J. W. Holmes; Beaufort, Thomas Talbird; Berkeley, C. St. G. Sinkler; Charleston, A. T. Smythe; Chester, J. L. Green; Chesterfield, E. J. Kennedy; Clarendon, J. F. Rhame; Colleton, W. P. Murphy; Darlington, R. W. Boyd; Edgefield, B. R. Tillman; Fairfield, A. E. Davis; Georgetown, W. St. J. Mazyck; Greenville, James A. Hoyt; Hampton, J. W. Moore; Horry, E. Norton; Kershaw, G. G. Alexander; Lancaster, R. E. Allison; Laurens, J. B. Humbert; Lexington, H. J. Seibels; Marion, W. J. Montgomery; Marlboro', C. S. McCall; Newberry, G. B. Cromer, Oconee, R. A. Thompson; Orangeburg, J. F. Izlar; Pickens, R. E. Bowen; Richland, J. C. Haskell; Spartanburg, T. J. Moore; Sumter, W. O. Cain; Union, G. D. Peak; Williamsburg, H. J. Haynesworth; York, C. E. Spencer.

#### The Order of Nomination.

Mr. Lee, of Sumter, introduced a resolution providing, first, that the nominations of candidates for State officers shall be *viva voce* on a call of the roll of delegates by counties; second, that a majority shall be necessary to elect, and, third, that the order in which nominations shall be made shall be as follows: First, Governor; second, Lieutenant Governor; third, Comptroller-General; fourth, Attorney-General; fifth, Secretary of State; sixth, State Treasurer; seventh, Adjutant and Inspector-General; eighth, Superintendent of Education.

Capt. Clark, of Kershaw, protested against naming the office Secretary of State at the foot of the list. The office, he contended, was third on the list in point of precedence, and should be so named in the order of nomination.

Mr. Lee denied that he had placed the Secretary of State at the foot of the list, but professed his willingness to accept the amendment, and the change was accordingly made.

Mr. A. T. Smythe moved that the vote of each delegation be announced by the chairman. [Cries of "No, no! Let's vote out open."]

Mr. Smythe then withdrew his motion.

#### Resolutions.

Under the call for resolutions for reference to the committee, the following were introduced:

By Mr. J. F. Hart, of York, to amend Article 5 of the Constitution of the Democratic party of the State, in reference to representation in conventions.

By Mr. J. C. Haskell, of Richland, expressing the sense of the Convention that the General Assembly at its next session should pass resolutions looking to the calling of a Constitutional Convention in the State at the earliest practicable moment.

By Mr. W. C. Benet, of Abbeville, resolutions of a convention of the Third Congressional District, endorsing the primary plan of nomination for Congressional candidates, and recommending that each Congressional District have the right to regulate the manner of nominating candidates for Congress.

By Mr. C. E. Sawyer, of Aiken, providing for Congressional nominations by the primary plan.

By Mr. B. R. Tillman, of Edgefield, amendments to the State Constitution, (Democratic:) First, that the election of delegates to the State Convention be held at the same time that county officers are nominated; second, that said elections be held not earlier than the 10th nor later than the 31st of August; third, that no Democratic club be permitted to organize before the 1st of August in election years; fourth, providing for the primary plan of nominating judicial and Congressional candidates.

By Mr. E. B. Murray, of Anderson, that the State Executive Committee be instructed to appoint a day in each county thirty days before the meeting of the State Convention in which candidates for State offices shall be invited to address the citizens on the issues of the day.

By Mr.——, requiring candidates to canvass the State and to close the canvass ten days before the meeting of the State Convention.

By Mr. Orr, of Greenville, that all State, Congressional and judicial officers be nominated by the primary plan. [Applause.]

#### A Recess for Dinner.

This seemed to about exhaust the stock of resolutions on hand, as no one else responded to the call, and the Chair announced that the next business in order would be the nomination of State officers.

A delegate at this point moved to take a recess for one hour, it being now 2 o'clock. A half dozen voices shouted two hours, and, the amendment being accepted, the motion was adopted and the Convention adjourned for two hours.

#### Nominating the Candidates.

After a recess of two hours, during which the delegates had an opportunity to refresh themselves and discuss the situation, the Convention was called to order promptly at 4 o'clock.

Col. J. Q. Marshall was elected treasurer, a position which the Convention had failed to fill in the early part of the day, and the work of nominating a candidate for Governor was entered upon, a resolution being first adopted limiting speeches to five minutes.

EX-CHANCELLOR JOHNSON.

Mr. C. P. Quattlebaum, of Horry county, first obtained the floor, and placed in nomination Ex-Chancellor W. D. Johnson, of Marion. He alluded to the long and well tried fidelity of the Independent Republic of Horry to the cause of Democracy, and to the modesty which had prevented the people from asking anything in the way of public office at the hands of the State. The candidate presented by Horry to this Convention was one of the truest sons and noblest citizens of the Palmetto State. He was a farmer who was worthy of the name and who reflected credit on the calling. [Applause.] He had been a credit to the calling because he had made a success of farming. He had honored the ermine and had served the State faithfully in the halls of the Legislature, when he had to stand up almost alone against a horde of aliens and robbers. In the name of the good people of Horry he submitted the name of Chancellor Johnson to the Convention. The people of that Republic were noted for their unanimity on all occasions, but they had never been more unanimous than they were in the choice of W. D. Johnson as the Democratic candidate for Governor of the State. [Applause.]

Mr. W. J. Montgomery, of Marion, heartily and earnestly seconded the nomination. He alluded to the services which Marion's men had done the State in the Revolution of 1776, and to their steadfast devotion to duty in the equally trying peaceful revolution of a century later, when they had joined the gallant Hampton in Marlboro' and escorted him on his march from the mountains to the sea. [Applause.] Honest to a fault, when wreck and ruin overtook him he had put his hands to the plough without looking to the benefits of any homestead law, and by his own industry energy and perseverance had rebuilt his broken fortunes. He was without the stain of the officeholder or politician upon his garments, and he came from a county which had never enjoyed office at the hands of the people, and from a section which had never been represented in the Executive mansion since the days of Williams, seventy years ago.

GEN. EDWARD M'CRADY.

Mr. C. G. Dantzler, of Orangeburg, arose to place in nomination a gentleman who had had a long experience in public life, who had served the State with equal fidelity in peace and in war, and who had been found faithful to every trust that had been reposed in him. He alluded to that gallant soldier, true statesman and conscientious gentleman, Gen. Edward McCrady. [Applause.] He presented him to the Convention not as a Charlestonian, but as a true type of a Carolina gentleman. [Applause.] He alluded to Gen. McCrady's legislative career with peculiar pride. The State owed the present admirable election laws to him, and during his legislative career he had been actively identified with every reformatory measure attempted. Especially had he taken a dear interest in the stock law and other measures designed for the benefit of the agricultural interests. At the last session of the General Assembly, planting himself firmly on the Constitution, he had supported the census bill. There was not a blot on the record of a long public life. He was a man of broad statesmanship and had always been true to the best interests of the State. His name was brought before the Convention in the confident hope and belief that if fidelity to the public interests was to be rewarded it would receive a favorable consideration at the hands of the representatives of the Democratic party in Convention assembled.

Mr. J. Heyward, of Greenville, was glad of the opportunity of seconding the nomination of Gen. McCrady. He needed no endorsements; his record was such as to make his nomination by the Convention and election by the people a fitting tribute to public worth and private integrity. [Applause.]

Mr. W. H. Brawley, of Charleston, on behalf of the whole people of Charleston, seconded Gen. McCrady's nomination.

THE HON. J. C. SHEPPARD.

Mr. W. O. Bradley, of Abbeville, said it was his privilege and honor to place in nomination for the high and honorable position of Governor one who, though a young man, did as much to redeem the Commonwealth from the rule of the alien and robber as any man in the State. He was elected by his county to represent her in the House in 1876, and by his gallant bearing, his conspicuous ability and his splendid qualifications for discharging the grave duties of leadership, won the confidence, the respect and admiration and esteem of his fellow-members of the House, and they attested their appreciation of his many noble qualities of both head and heart by electing him to preside over their deliberations as Speaker, which position he occupied and adorned for three consecutive terms, when the Democratic party, in recognition of his eminent ability and qualifications, nominated him for the honorable position of Lieutenant Governor. The conspicuous ability with which he had presided over that honorable body, and the State Senate, for four years, is well-known to every citizen of South Carolina. To-day he is, by virtue of the removal of Governor Thompson from the field of State to the broader area of national usefulness and honor, Governor of this proud old Commonwealth. The interests and honor of South Carolina will not suffer by his continuation in the position he now so ably fills. No man questions his patriotism, his ability is admitted by all, his integrity is unimpeachable, his loyalty to Democratic principles, his unswerving devotion to the highest and best interest of South Carolina is known of all men, and we think it but the part of wisdom to reward one against whose private and public life nothing can be said; one who comes up to the Jeffersonian requirements of honesty, capability and fidelity to the Constitution. I now place in nomination for the position of Governor the Hon. John C. Sheppard. [Applause.]

Mr. B. R. Tillman said that, in rising to second the nomination of Governor Sheppard, he felt that he was meeting the wishes of a large majority of the people of Edgefield. The county of Edgefield, in a Democratic Convention, had unanimously placed him in nomination for the office he now fills. He was too well known, however, to need any encomiums from the hands of the speaker, who felt his inability, and had no desire to attempt to gild refined gold or paint the lily. [Applause.] If this Convention accepts Edgefield's son it might be assured that the duties of the high office to which he would be elected could be discharged not only to the satisfaction of the people of his native county but to that of the whole State. [Applause.]

THE HON. W. C. COKER.

Mr. G. W. Brown, of Darlington, placed the Hon. W. C. Coker in nomination, who, he said, was at this hour applying himself to the world of busy life, of which his was the central head of Darlington. Personally it mattered little to his candidate that his name should be mentioned in connection with this high office. The fascinations of office had but little attraction for him, but the summons came plainly from all parts of the State, and he was here to say that Mr. Coker would not turn a deaf ear to call. Seldom, continued he, does the conservative Pee-Dee ask at your hands a representative on the State ticket, but she comes now with no doubtful man. He then read the resolutions adopted by the Darlington County Convention endorsing Mr. Coker and closed with an earnest tribute to the worth of his candidate. The records of the Senate, he said, would bear witness to his unflagging devotion to the public service and to the soundness of his principles. He would only add that he was a man who had come fresh from the people, who was identified with their interests and whose wise and conservative administration would bring light and prosperity, quiet, rest and peace to the State he loved so well. [Applause.]

Gen. G. W. Moore, of Hampton, seconded the nomination of Senator Coker.

Bearing witness not only to Col. Coker's merit and worth, but also to his exceeding grace and modesty, he said that if it had been left to Senator Coker his modesty would have kept his name from being presented to this Convention. But his friends were confident that he was well qualified to fill the place and had determined that the State should have the opportunity to avail herself of his great services. In the Senate his rule of conduct was embraced in the single word duty. Successful in his private affairs, he would as the head of the Government give the State a successful and glorious Administration. [Applause.]

COL. JOHN P. RICHARDSON.

Mr. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, after alluding to the importance of the duty before the Convention, placed the name of Col. John Peter Richardson before the Convention. The galleries were evidently filled with the friends of Col. Richardson, and this, together with the eloquence of the silver-tongued orator from Aiken, led to such frequent bursts of applause that there was some difficulty in catching his remarks.

The leaders of the Democracy, he said, must be above reproach. The coming campaign was a mere bagatelle to the great struggle which the Democratic party of the State and Nation would be called upon to face two years hence. It was plainly the duty of the Convention, therefore, to place at the head of the State Government a man around whom the people could gather, not only in sunshine but in storm. [Applause.] A farmer by profession, Col. Richardson would see that the agricultural interests of the State were fully developed. He favored education not only for the poor youth in the public schools, but in colleges and other institutions of learning. He came from a line of people who were from the Revolution to the present time thoroughly devoted to the interests of South Carolina. [Applause.] He was fully informed of the financial condition of the State, its resources and expenditures, and was prepared to grapple any financial questions that might come. [Applause.] He would not detain the Convention longer, but would simply present the faithful, brave, patriotic, silver-tongued son of Clarendon county, John Peter Richardson.

It was some moments before the applause in the gallery and on the floor subsided sufficiently to allow the Convention to resume its work.

When at length silence had been restored in obedience to the repeated and vehement demands of the chairman's gavel, Mr. S. F. Rhame, of Clarendon, made an earnest speech, thanking the previous speaker in behalf of the delegation and the people of Clarendon.

He endorsed all that had been so eloquently said by the delegate from Aiken. He who aspired to the proud position of Governor of South Carolina must be an accomplished gentleman, a man of unquestioned honor, ability and patriotism, and the candidate just named was in the possession of these qualities in the highest degree. [Applause.] That he did possess them was known throughout the length and breadth of South Carolina. No one, he said, in conclusion, would wear the honors of the office more worthily, or discharge more fearlessly and faithfully all its duties and obligations. [Renewed applause.]

HON. GILES J. PATTERSON.

Major James F. Hart, of York, nominated Mr. Giles J. Patterson.

Senator Patterson, he said, was peculiarly fitted for the position. For, argued he, the man who attains to greatness in the small things of life has indeed won renown. Mr. Patterson was the architect of his own fortunes. He was the friend of the friendless and was trusted and respected by the great. In all the relations of life, whether bearing his musket as a soldier in the ranks, or in the councils of the State, he always discharges his duties faithfully, honestly, zealously. [Applause.]

Col. D. P. Duncan, of Spartanburg, seconded nomination of Mr. Patterson in behalf of the county of Spartanburg.

Born and raised in our midst, he said, his native county takes pleasure endorsing everything that has been said of him. He knew him to be the embodiment of all that is faithful in public and private life.

#### The First Ballot.

The preliminary discussion, so to speak, was closed by Mr. Williams, of Barnwell, who delivered a strong speech in support of Governor Sheppard, and the Convention squared itself off for the fight. Messrs. D. S. Henderson, J. L. Orr, W. J. Montgomery and J. D. Cappelmann were appointed tellers, and, as they took their seats at the secretaries' desk and those officials began to get out their rolls and tally sheets, the hall was filled with that peculiar buzzing which indicates the eve of some great event, succeeded, however, by a perfect calm when the president directed the secretary to begin the work of calling the roll.

As the name of the Abbeville delegates were called J. C. Sheppard came in response from six delegates, one after the other in rapid succession. When the seventh name on the list, Senator J. C. Maxwell, was called, it cause the first break in the monotony and the end of the silence. This vote, "John Peter Richardson," literally brought down the gallery with deafening applause, and the roll call had to be suspended while the chairman gave free exercise to his gavel. The next three responses were "Sheppard," and the rewas again silence until the eleventh name David Aiken was reached. This evoked another "John Peter Richardson" and another cheer from the gallery. The last name on the Abbeville list, W. C. Benet, scored another Richardson vote and evoked another cheer, which caused the Chair to remark that unless the applause ceased during the calling of the roll the galleries would be cleared, after which the enthusiasm of the gallery was within bounds.

Abbeville recorded nine votes for Sheppard and three for Richardson.

Next came Aiken with ten solid votes for Richardson.

Anderson divided her ten votes out as follows: Sheppard three, Coker four, McCrady two, Johnson one.

Barnwell's twelve votes were divided as follows: Richardson nine, Sheppard two, McCrady 1. (Mr. W. R. Kelly.)

Beaufort gave a plumper, eight votes, for Richardson.

Berkeley's twelve votes were divided between Richardson and Sheppard. The former getting six and Sheppard five. Mr. Cain voted for Mr. Coker.

The Charleston delegation voted as follows: For McCrady—Messrs. Buist, Ferguson, A. T. Smythe, Wagen r, Kinloch, Bacot, Melchers, Moroso, McCormack, DuPre, Lofton, Dawson, Brawley, Simonton, Perry, Trumbo, Bryan, Jervey, Hinson, Frost and Seignious—total 21. For Sheppard—Messrs. Cappiemann, Kressel and Lilienthal—3. For Richardson—Messrs. Barkley, Gadsden and Boyle—3. For Johnson—Mr. J. A. Smyth.

Chester polled a plumper for Patterson eight votes.

Chesterfield gave three votes to Richardson, two to Coker, and one to Sheppard.

Clarendon, of course, plumped her six votes to Richardson.

Colleton divided her twelve votes as follows: Sheppard 9, Richardson 3.

Darlington polled her ten votes for Coker and never changed them.

Edgefield gave Sheppard her twelve votes through the three ballots, only changing after the election of Richardson was secured.

Fairfield was divided. Her eight votes being cast as follows: Coker 4, Patterson 2, McCrady 2.

Georgetown gave 5 votes to Richardson and 1 to Sheppard.

Greenville also divided her ten votes, giving five to Coker, three to Richardson, one to McCrady, and one to Johnson.

Hampton divided her votes, three to Richardson, two to Sheppard, and three to Coker.

Horry voted solidly, six votes for Johnson straight two ballots, and on the third, after the withdrawal of Chancellor Johnson, voted solidly for Richardson.

Kershaw voted solidly, eight votes for Richardson.

Lancaster for Patterson, six votes.

Laurens divided her eight votes equally between Richardson, Coker, Sheppard and Johnson, giving two to each.

Lexington gave McCrady and Coker one vote each and the remaing four to Richardson.

Marion gave eight of her ten votes to Johnson and divided the other two between Sheppaid and Richardson, one each.

Marlboro' voted Johnson two, Coker two, Sheppard one and Richardson one.

Newberry also divided, giving Sheppard three, Coker three and Richardson two votes.

Oconee gave four of her six votes to Richardson and two to Coker.

Orangeburg divided her twelve votes as follows: Richardson three, —— five, Sheppard three, McCrady one.

Pickens gave five of her six votes to Richardson, and the remaining one to Coker.

Richland gave ten of her twelve votes to Richardson, one to Sheppard (Dr. Talley) and one to Johnson (Mr. Starling.)

Spartanburg voted eight for Patterson and two for Johnson.

Sumter gave Richardson four, Sheppard four and Coker her remaining two votes.

Union gave Sheppard six and Patterson two votes.

Williamsburg gave Richardson six, Johnson one and Coker one vote.

York closed the call with a plumper, ten votes, for Patterson.

THE SUMMARY.

The full number of votes in the Convention were cast, 318, and under the rules 160 were necessary to an election.

The vote stood on this ballot: Richardson 112, Sheppard 68, Coker 48, Patterson 36, McCrady 29, Johnson 25.

#### The Second Ballot.

After announcing the vote Gen. Hagood, who had presided continuously, vacated the chair, which was assumed by Col. C. H. Simonton, and the Convention prepared for another ballot. Just before the roll-call commenced the name of Mr. Giles J. Patterson was withdrawn, and as the ballot progressed it was evident that the Patterson men were concentrating their strength on Coker. The ballot resulted as follows:

Whole number of votes 317, necessary to elect 159 Richardson received 137, Sheppard 80, Coker 65, Johnson 29, McCrady 15. No election.

The Charleston delegation divided its vote as follows: For Sheppard, Messrs. Buist, Ferguson, Moroso, DuPre, Lofton, Dawson, Cappelmann, Kressel, Lilienthal, Bryan and Seignious—11. For McCrady, Messrs. Kinloch, Bacot, McCormack, Simonton, Perry, Trumbo, Jervey, Hinson and Frost—9. For Coker, Messrs. A. T. Smythe and Brawley—2. For Richardson, Messrs. Wagner, J. A. Smyth, Melchers, Barkley, Gadsden and Boyle—6.

#### The Third Ballot.

Before the next ballot commenced the name of Chancellor Johnson was withdrawn and it now became evident that the Richardson men were on the eve of a victory.

As in the first ballot the full vote of the Convention was polled—318 votes. When the last name on the roll had been called the vote stood: Richardson 149, Sheppard 78, Coker 77, McCrady 14.

An excited delegate moved for another ballot but the Convention was evidently tired of balloting and the fight was regarded as virtually settled. The roll of the counties was called over, and the result soon after announced as follows:

#### The Final Count.

Whole number of votes cast 317, necessary to elect 159. Richardson 172, Coker 94, Sheppard 50, McCrady 1.

The following is the vote of the Charleston delegation on the third ballot before the changes were made: For Sheppard, Messrs. Buist, Moroso, DuPre, Lofton, Dawson, Cappelmann, Kressel and Lilienthal—8. For Richardson, Messrs. Wagener, J. A. Smyth, Melchers, Barkley, Gadsden, Simonton, Trumbo, Boyle and Hinson—9. For McCrady, Messrs. Ferguson, Kinloch, Bacot, McCormack, Perry, Bryan, Jervey, Frost and Seignions—9. For Coker, Messrs. A. T. Smythe and Brawley—2.

Upon the second call Messrs. Ferguson, Bacot, Frost and Seignious changed to Coker; Messrs. Kinloch, McCormack, Perry and Jervey to Richardson.

AN OVATION FOR RICHARDSON.

The result was certainly a victory to Columbia; for full five minutes after the announcement was made nothing could be heard in the hall. The Chair was not even allowed to make a formal announcement of the election. Shouts filled the air, while the vast crowd stood upon its feet fluttering fans and handkerchiefs, tossing hats in the air and shouting themselves hoarse. If the demonstration in the Opera-House and the subsequent serenade at night are to go for anything a more popular candidate could not have been selected.

The number of ladies in the hall, owing to the limited accommodations for them, was necessarily small, but they packed the private boxes and made up in enthusiasm what they lacked in numbers. When the election of Col. Richardson was announced they rose to their feet and did everything well-bred ladies can do in the way of a substitute for shouting. Delicate lace handkerchiefs and sweetly scented gloves and fans were waved delightedly, enthusiastically and bewitchingly, testifying the delight of the fair spectators, and it is even rumored that the ladies of Columbia contemplate holding, privately of course, a high tea ratification meeting in the near future.

THE NOMINATION MADE UNANIMOUS.

After a sufficient time had been allowed for the expression of this demonstration of approval, the Convention was once more called to order and got into business shape. Another outbreak of enthusiasm was, however, caused by Col. J. P. Blackwell, one of the staunchest and warmest supporters of Governor Sheppard, who moved that the nomination of Col. J. P. Richardson be made unanimous. The thought was a happy one, and the Convention, without waiting for the question to be put, voted aye vociferously and unanimously.

Mr. Brown, of Darlington, voiced the universal sentiment when he said that, after this good-natured family fight, he thought it best for the Democrats of South Carolina to dwell together in unity, and with a view to further this it gave him great pleasure to second the motion. The motion was adopted amid the cheers of the delegates and spectators and with the approving smiles of the ladies.

#### Nominations for Lieutenant Governor.

The Convention then, after voting down a motion to take a recess, proceeded to the nomination of Lieutenant-Governor.

Mr. Ira B. Jones, of Lancaster, nominated Gen. W. L. T. Prince, of Cheraw, in a spirited and telling speech.

Gen. Prince, he said, came from a county in which the Democratic watchfires had burned during the darkest winters of Democratic degradation. He came not to ask a favor for Lancaster, not to ask for her the rewards of office, but to request as a favor for the good old sister county of Chesterfield, where there was breathed a spirit of undying patriotism, the nomination of her favorite son. The Pee-