

THE REFORM CONVENTION.

Pursuant to notice the Edgefield Reform Democratic Convention met in our court-house on Monday of this week.

Col. W. H. Folk was unanimously elected president of the Convention, a double compliment, as he was made presiding officer of the Democratic County Convention of last week.

Eighty-four delegates were present, representing, we believe, all the Reform clubs in the county. The votes cast in the clubs on last Saturday, the 11th inst., were counted with the following results:

FOR GOVERNOR. Evans, 990; Ellerbe, 280; Tludal, 51.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Timmerman, 1,289. Dr. Timmerman received more votes for Lieutenant Governor than the three candidates for Governor combined.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Thos. H. Rainsford, 1,181; J. Wm. Thurmond, 1,176; L. J. Williams, 1,131; B. L. Caudham, 1,127; J. H. Edwards, 954; S. E. Freeland, 369.

DELEGATES TO AUGUST CONVENTION. The following delegates were selected to attend the August Convention which assembles in Columbia on Thursday of this week:

J. M. Gaines, T. H. Rainsford, L. J. Williams, N. G. Evans, G. M. Kinard, P. N. Lott, W. R. Parks, S. M. Smith, A. D. Bates, L. V. Claxton, J. G. Mobley, Geo. B. Lester.

These delegates were instructed to vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, but a motion instructing them to vote for nominating a full State ticket was voted down.

DELEGATES TO SEPTEMBER CONVENTION.

W. W. Padgett, R. B. Timmerman, J. G. Penn, W. A. Cheatham, J. C. Drafts, L. J. Courtney, S. E. Freeland, P. B. Lanham, A. B. Watson, W. P. Timmerman, N. G. Evans, Gary Caughman.

RESOLUTIONS. The following resolutions offered by Mr. J. W. Johnson were adopted:

WHEREAS, Some of the Reform candidates have not pledged themselves to abide the result of the Reform primary of the 11th inst., therefore, be it

Resolved, By the convention of Reformers assembled at Edgefield, Aug. 13th, that we cannot support such candidates, and pledge ourselves not to support such, and we recommend to the Reformers of the State to do likewise.

The administration hopes to run the blind tigers out of existence by putting down the price of liquor. "Warranted U. S. 80 proof and chemically pure" is being put on sale now at 25 cents a half pint, or \$2 a gallon.

Forty-five pounds of corn are said to be worth only a cent and a half in Russia to-day and many farmers are sending their cattle into the fields as the cost of harvesting would exceed the price of the corn.

Silver dollars are now being coined at the New Orleans mint at the rate of \$1,000,000 per month, under the directions of the Secretary of the Treasury.

For the first time in history corn sold for 7 cents a bushel more than wheat. This was in Chicago.

Grasshoppers are said to be doing great damage in Shelby and Tipton counties, Tenn.

Fifty-one deaths from heat occurred in New York during the week ending Aug. 4th.

The Appletons will soon bring out a life of Robert E. Lee by Fitzhugh Lee.

FOR THE ADVERTISER. Second Congressional District Council.

At a meeting of the Second Congressional District Council held at Aiken, by call of R. H. Timmerman, on July 25th, at 3 P. M., the majority of the counties were represented. After the regular routine of business the following officers were chosen:

W. S. Bamberg, President, Bamberg, S. C. E. B. Taylor, Vice-President, Aiken, S. C. R. H. Timmerman, Secretary, Timmerman, S. C. G. L. Toole, District Lecturer, Montmorenci, S. C.

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CLUB MEETINGS.

FOR THE ADVERTISER. Holston's Cross Roads Endorses M. A. Whittle.

WHEREAS, We know M. A. Whittle to be a true, firm, solid, and competent business man and true Reformer, and remembering his faithful services as County Commissioner,

Resolved 1. That we the members of Holston's X Road Club hereby pledge him our unanimous vote, and heartily recommend him to the voters of Edgefield county for the office of Supervisor.

Resolved 2. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the Edgefield Advertiser.

FOR THE ADVERTISER. Gray Township Endorses W. H. Yeldell for R. R. Commissioner.

The following resolutions were passed by the Reform Club of Gray Township by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, We, the Reformers of Gray Township, have known Hon. W. H. Yeldell for years as a man of high moral and Christian character; and, whereas, from the very beginning of the Reform Movement he has been constant and untiring in his efforts to promote the welfare of the people:

Resolved 1. That we heartily endorse him as a candidate for Railroad Commissioner, and commend him to the full confidence and support of the Reformers of the State.

Resolved 2. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the ADVERTISER and Register for publication. J. W. ARON, Pres.

J. K. DeVORE, Secty.

Red Hill Club.

WHEREAS, We the neighbors and friends of Hon. W. J. Talbert, who know him best and watch him closest, have noted with pride the course pursued by him in the national legislature, his strenuous and bold efforts to carry into effect every plank of the Democratic platform, and his willingness at all times to give his labor or strike a blow for the welfare of his constituents; therefore, be it

Resolved 1. That we, the members of his home club, do hereby heartily endorse his stand and course in Congress, and commend him to the voters of the Second Congressional district for re-election, knowing that in him we will have a safe, conservative, and ever watchful member, and that the interest of his constituency will be as carefully guarded in the future as in the past.

Resolved 2. That the county papers and Columbia Register be solicited to publish this resolution. J. H. BUSSEY, Pres.

A. J. McDANIEL, Secty.

FOR THE ADVERTISER. Hibler Reform Club.

WHEREAS, we the members of the Hibler Reform Democratic Club having known the Hon. Wm. H. Yeldell all of our lives, he having been born and reared in our midst, and knowing him to be a man honorable and unimpeachable in character, standing high in his church as a Christian gentleman, always first in every enterprise looking to the interest and welfare of his people; and, whereas, in politics he has been one of the pioneers of the Reform Movement in this State, having served us faithfully and with distinction in the Legislature for six years, and there, as well as on every "stump" in our county, he has been true to and has defended the principles of Reform against a great pressure and formidable opposition; and knowing him to be eminently qualified for the position of Railroad Commissioner; and knowing that he is entitled to some recognition at the hands of the Reformers of the State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we heartily endorse him and urge the Reformers throughout the State to give him the nomination for Railroad Commissioner. A. GILCHRIST, Pres.

Report of the Grand Jury.

To the Hon. James Aldrich, Presiding Judge, August Term of Court for Edgefield county:

We, the Grand Jurors of Edgefield county, having passed upon all bills of indictment presented to us, beg leave to make the following presentation:

We respectfully present the report of the special investigating committee appointed at the March term of court, to investigate the public offices, etc., and that the same has been adopted as a part of this presentation.

We beg leave to call the attention of the court to the fact that certain necessary and important repairs to the jail, made in our report at the March term, have not been attended to, and we ask that the proper official's attention be called to look after the same at once.

Complaint has been made to us by certain taxpayers of Shaw Township and also Trenton School District, that there is a discrepancy existing in reference to taxes having been paid on certain railroad bonds. We, therefore, recom-

mend that the County Commissioners be instructed to employ an expert accountant to make a complete and full settlement on the same, and that no further levy be made against the taxpayers interested therein until said settlement is made.

We have examined the Trial Justice books presented to us, and find the same in very good condition; but we recommend that hereafter the Trial Justices be required to present their books in person, so that they can be examined more carefully by the Grand Jury, and attention be called to the great expense imposed upon the county by sending up trivial cases that they should dispose of in their own courts. Certain Trial Justices having failed to present their books for examination, we commend that they present the same at the November term or a rule be issued against them to show cause why they refused to submit the same for investigation.

Complaint has been made to us of the following facts: That on or about the 30th day of April, 1894, the following named persons, to wit: Rev. J. G. Derrick, John Butler, Richard Weaver, Shady Weaver, Mary Butler, and two children of Richard and Shady Weaver, were poisoned by one Pink alias Tink Hill, and that said Hill subsequently made a full confession of the same in the presence of reliable witnesses. Said Hill was arrested and held in custody by certain citizens of the vicinity until they could get F. V. Cooper, Esq., Trial Justice for the judicial district, to issue a warrant and commitment for the same, that said Trial Justice and his deputy (his son, Cooper) by their gross neglect and carelessness, allowed said prisoner, Pink alias Tink Hill, to escape; we therefore recommend that the Solicitor be requested to take such action as is necessary in the case, and that John R. Salter, Dr. J. J. Kirkey, Elbert Graham, Tom Hill, John Dozier, and Armstead Hill are material witnesses in said case.

We thank your Honor, the Solicitor, and officers of the court for courtesies extended to us. Respectfully submitted, W. S. ALLEN, Foreman.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To Hon. W. S. Allen, Foreman, and members of the Grand Jury: Gentlemen—Your committee appointed at the last March term of court to inspect the county offices and records thereof, beg leave to submit the following:

1st. The Clerk of Court's office we report as having an old and dingy appearance as to its furniture and walls, and reflects upon those of our county officials, whose duty it is to see that the county offices are provided with neat and suitable furniture, and kept in a more comfortable condition. We call attention to the tables, desks, and cases, and especially the ceiling and walls, that should be repaired at once. Mr. Hill, the efficient Clerk of Court, has his books and records in good order, and kept in a commendable manner. He reports having received since the 1st of November last: fines imposed by the court \$247.65, and from hawkers and pedlers \$53.30, a total of \$300.95, for which he holds the County Treasurer's receipt. Of the one hundred and fifty pension checks issued, all have been delivered except five, viz., Ellen Matthews, Polly Whittle, Elizabeth DeLoach, M. A. McDaniel, and Nancy Berry, which are still in the hands of the Clerk, uncalled for by proper persons.

In the Sheriff's office we find the furniture, etc., in even a worse condition than in the Clerk's office, in lack of office facilities. We find the books in excellent order, showing that the duties of the office are properly and efficiently discharged. The Sheriff reports no funds on hand.

Judge of Probate Allen has his office in fine order, books, records, etc., making a creditable exhibit. His index book is much worn from long use, and we recommend that he be furnished a new book for that purpose, and that he be allowed proper compensation for re-indexing the same. He reports \$210 on hand belonging to the estate of M. A. Schenck, on deposit in the Farmers Bank, of Edgefield.

The office of W. F. Roath, Master, has a bright, cleanly, and business-like appearance; his books without blur or blot, and all the evidences of being correctly and properly kept. He reports funds on hand belonging to sundry estates amounting to \$1,358.23, which he has on deposit in the Farmers Bank, of Edgefield.

The County Commissioners' books, as far as we are able to examine, are in good order. The books show that they expended for county purposes for the fiscal year ending Nov. 1st, 1893, the sum of \$16,647.48. Of this amount they paid for jail expenses, \$1,192.20; for Poor House, \$1,767.15; physi-

cian's salary for Jail and Poor House, \$135. They have obtained a loan of \$10,000 to meet the current county expenses for this fiscal year, ending Nov. 1st, '94. They also inform your committee that there is no past indebtedness against the county.

County Auditor Haltiwanger has his books in a commendable shape, and exhibits to the satisfaction of your committee a thorough understanding of the intricate duties of his office. His office is neatly kept, but the furniture and conveniences therein are totally unfit for the needs of their office. The total taxable personal property of the county for 1893-'94 is valued at \$1,346,570; value of realty, \$3,871,040. The railroads and corporations are not included in the above amount, the returns therefor not yet all received by the Auditor, but his books so far as he has been able to complete them, show an increase in the total value of real and personal property of \$140,550 over that of 1892-'93.

Owing to the absence of the County Treasurer and School Commissioner, your committee were unable to make as thorough an examination into their respective offices as they wished, and ask that further time be allowed to report at the next November term of court.

We note, with fear of the consequences, the total insufficiency for fire protection and safe keeping of valuable papers and books in several of the county offices; there being really no safety at all in the Clerk of the Court's, Sheriff's, and County Commissioners' offices, said offices being without even iron safes. Your committee think it very important that these offices should have good safes furnished them at once.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. COBB, D. B. DURISOE, R. B. HUGHES, Special Committee.

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