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SENATE.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1852.

The Journal of yesterday having been read.

Mr. Huey, on the third ballot for United States Senator, made a report, of which we gave the substance yesterday.

A message was received from the House of Representatives informing the Senate that that body would be ready to go into a fourth ballot for United States Senator at half past 12 o'clock. On motion of Manning, message laid on the table for the present.

Mr. Witherspoon presented the petition of sundry citizens of York District, praying for the opening of a Road to King's Mountain Railroad.

Several papers were received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate; which were referred to the appropriate Committees.

Mr. Moses, on the part of the Judiciary Committee, submitted a favorable report on so much of the presentments of the Grand Jurors of Newberry, Sumter and Kershaw, as recommended the passage of a law to prevent the practice of carrying concealed weapons, and begged leave to report by bill, which received its first reading.

The Special Committee, on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives, appointed to redistrict the States reported by bill which received its first reading, and was, on motion of Mr. De Treville, made the special order of the day for Friday next at 1 o'clock, and printed.

At the suggestion of the electoral College the President of the Senate asked leave of absence for a short time, and requested Mr. Witherspoon to take the chair.

Mr. Griffin, from the Committee on Incorporations, submitted a favorable report on the petition of the citizens of Bluffton Beaufort Dist. for an act of incorporation, and begged leave to report by bill, which received its first reading, and was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed. Also, a favorable report on the petition of McDonald, asking payment of a debt due by the State.

Mr. Fishburne presented the returns of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Paul's Parish for 1852. Referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Moorman submitted the petition of B. A. Ramage, praying the payment of office rent. Referred to Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. Buchanan, from the Committee on Finance, reported the bill to recharter the Planters and Mechanics' Bank of Charleston, with amendments. Also, reported the bill to recharter the Union Bank of Charleston, with amendments. Ordered for consideration, to-morrow.

Mr. DeTreville gave notice that he would on to-morrow introduce a bill to provide for the more perfect and prompt administration of Justice.

Mr. Dudley, from the Committee on Claims, submitted a favorable report, on a report from the House of Representatives, on the petition of Isaac Van Zant, for blankets furnished the Jail of Lexington District, and an avorable report on a petition of George Denson for repairs on a bridge over Indian Creek in Newberry District, a favorable report on the House reports on the petitions of R. M. Stokes and Britton and Mickle for payment for Public Printing, and a favorable report on the petition of A. Lyles for compensation for a slave executed. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Mazyck, in the absence of Mr. Nowell, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Northern Railroad Company.

Mr. Harlee submitted the petition of the Town Council of Cheraw, praying an amendment of their Charter of incorporation.

Mr. Carew submitted the petition of the Charleston Club for incorporation. Referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Moses moved to take up the message of the House of Representatives, temporarily laid upon the table, which was agreed to, and moved that a message be sent the House that the Senate (it now being 1 o'clock) was ready to go forthwith into a 4th ballot for U. S. Senator. Message ordered.

Mr. Ruth presented the petition of the Senators and Representatives of the Parishes of Prince Williams, St. Helena, St. Peters and St. Luke's praying that bridges may be built over Coosawhatchie Swamp and Cedar Creek. Referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The Senate now proceeded to the House of Representatives to cast their fourth ballot for a United States Senator.

Mr. Moorman submitted the petition of the Committee of the Commissioners of Public Buildings in Newberry District for an appropriation to build a new Jail. Referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. Barton submitted the petition of John S. Kinslow, asking for permission to sell lands between the Saluda and Columbia Canals. Referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Porter introduced a bill to incorporate the Farmers Exchange Bank of Charleston. Read and referred to Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. Dudley submitted a favorable report on the House report on the petition of the Palmetto Standard for payment for Public Printing, and a favorable report on the House report on the petition of Dr. Josiah B. Fishburn.

The Senate proceeded to the general orders of the day, which were disposed of.

The favorable report of the Judiciary Committee on the Memorial of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals at Columbia, praying for additional compensation, gave rise to a brief debate, in which Messrs. Dudley and Moses participated.

After some debate, the report of the Committee was adopted, and ordered to the House for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Finance on a bill to prevent the circulation in the State of bills and notes of a less denomination than five dollars, issued by banks of other States, was not agreed to.

Mr. Marshall moved that the general orders of the day be suspended, in order to enable him to make a report. Leave being granted, Mr. Marshall, on the part of the Committee appointed to count the votes on a fourth ballot for United States Senator, reported that 153 votes had been cast; that 77 were necessary to a choice; that the Hon. Josiah J. Evans had received 86 votes, and was consequently elected.

Mr. Porter, on the part of the Committee on the Legislative Library, submitted a report on the memorial of G. E. Walker and John Johnson asking aid for the publication of a map of the State, together with the message of the Governor in relation thereto, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. Porter also submitted the petition of sundry citizens of Charleston, praying for the incorporation of the Church Home. Referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Carn, the consideration of the report of the Judiciary Committee on a bill to declare and amend the law in relation to words of limitation in deeds and wills, was postponed and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Boozer, the same disposition was made of No. 34 of the general orders.

On motion of Mr. Witherspoon, after some remarks by Mr. Cannon, the same disposition was made of No. 35 of the general orders.

The report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts on the memorial of the South Carolina Institute for aid, recommending an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purpose met with some opposition.

Mr. Porter, in defending the report of the Committee, said that the South Carolina Institute was particularly deserving of patronage, that it was a State institution established to promote State objects, commenced by individuals whose funds were now nearly exhausted. That a duty seemed to devolve on South Carolina to keep up with other States in her progress. That these were the days of enterprise and industrial development. Fairs, exhibitions and institutes were types of the spirit of the age. That they had produced the most beneficial effects. He illustrated the subject by alluding to the great Industrial Exhibition at London, where so many exquisite specimens of art and industry were exhibited. He spoke of the Crystal Palace, which he likened to a fairy creation, a legitimate manifestation of the spirit of the age. A similar one was about to be erected in New York. But these exhibitions, though not on so grand a scale, had been common at the North for the last 20 years, where 20, 30, and 50 thousand specimens of the most exquisite kind had been exhibited. We should keep pace with this spirit of improvement. The South was not deficient in resources. The mind of the South was of a higher order than that of the North, more intellectual and equally inventive, and equally expert in all the industrial arts. The City Council of Charleston, three or four years ago had generously given \$25,000 to the Institute to enable them to construct a temporary erection. He hoped the State would enable them, with the subscriptions they would obtain from other sources, to erect a permanent one.

The report with the addition of some provisions was finally adopted, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The Senate, after the transaction of some other business, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, Dec. 2, 1852.

The House met to-day at 12 o'clock. The Speaker resumed the reports of Committees, with which he had closed on yesterday. After the consideration of a few, he proceeded to call for petitions, &c., in the alphabetical order of the Districts.

Mr. Maybin begged leave to present the petition of the Commissioners of Free Schools of the town of Columbia.

Reports from Standing Committees being in order.

Mr. Middleton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported by bill in favor of the amendment of an act authorizing the State to aid in the construction of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad. To be considered to-morrow.

Mr. Hunt reported from the Committee on the Judiciary on sundry bills.

Mr. Leitner, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, reported in favor of a bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a bridge over the Congaree river, also, a bill to alter and amend the charter of the Manchester and Wilmington Railroad, with a recommendation that they do pass.

Mr. Ashmore, from the Committee on Claims, reported several accounts, petitions, &c., which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McGowan, from the Committee on the Military, reported unfavorably on a bill authorizing Colonels of Regiments to levy their own fines; also, on a bill to diminish the duty and reduce the salary of the Adjutant and Inspector General.

Mr. Crosson, from the minority of the same Committee reported, in favor of the latter bill.

Mr. Poppenheim, from the Committee on Incorporations, reported by bill, to incorporate the Carolina Mutual Insurance Company of Charleston; to be taken up for consideration to-morrow.

The Speaker announced Mr. Laurens as added to the Committee on Agriculture, and also the Committee on colored population.

Also a letter from Hon. J. J. Evans, accepting the office of United States Senator to which he had been elected, and also resigning his office of Judge, referred to the Committee on Vacant Offices.

The special order was now proceeded with, in Committee of the Whole, (Mr. B. G. Johnson in the chair,) being a bill

introduced by Mr. Poppenheim, providing for the election of Electors of President and Vice President in this State.

Mr. Poppenheim proceeded to address the House on the bill at some length.

Mr. Tillinghast was opposed to any of this privilege from the Legislature.

Mr. Seigling, next addressed the House. Mr. Tradewell, moved to lay the bill on the table; withdrawn.

Mr. Kershaw moved that the Committee rise, report progress, and ask leave to sit again on Tuesday.

Mr. McCrady was in favor of the motion. He saw that other matter of much importance was to be discussed, and that the postponement could not retard the regular progress of business.

Mr. Burnett was also in favor of the postponement of the discussion.

The question was then taken on the postponement to Tuesday next and carried. The Committee then rose.

Mr. Middleton offered a resolution, that the Hon. A. J. Miller, President of the Senate of the State of Georgia, be admitted to a seat on the floor.

The Speaker ruled the resolution out of order under the amendment of the 60th article passed a few days since, and prescribing that all Resolutions, Petitions, &c., be called up in the alphabetical order of the Judicial Districts.

Mr. McGowan, under the rule, submitted a similar resolution: which was agreed to.

Mr. Wagner offered a resolution, that the Speaker be requested to appoint a Committee on the State House and Grounds, and that a message be sent to the Senate requesting similar action on their part. It was so ordered.

Mr. J. B. Campbell introduced a bill to define the line of the Channel of the Ashley River adjacent to the city of Charleston.

He also offered the following resolutions, which were ordered to be printed, and made the special order for to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

Resolved, That the Banking Capital already invested in the chartered Banks of this State, ought not to be diminished, and that existing Bank Charters, where no abuse of their charter'd privileges or violation of duty is charged; ought to be renewed; but where there are, or hereafter shall be two, or more Banks in the same town or city, it is good policy that the amount of Capital Stock of each shall be the same.

Resolved, That it is against sound policy to encourage by chartered privileges, or otherwise the aggregation of Capital for the purpose of sending it abroad to be engaged in adventures in no-wise connected, except in rivalry with the Agriculture, Commerce, or Manufactures of this State.

Resolved, That the practice of sending abroad a large portion of our Banking Capital periodically, each year, for the purpose of dealing and speculating in bills of Exchange based upon the purchase of produce and Merchandise which never reaches any market in this State, would necessarily cause contractions and expansions in Banking affairs, prejudicial to mercantile enterprises, and to our great agricultural staples, and that such practices ought to be prevented by provisions in all future Bank Charters to be granted or renewed by this General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. Ashmore, the general order was then proceeded with. The consideration of the bill to divide Pendleton into two election Districts was again resumed.

Mr. Middleton addressed the House.

Mr. Tillinghast advocated the division of Pendleton into two election Districts. Her progressive condition demanded corresponding legislative action in her regard.

Messrs. Thompson, Sloan, and Mullins addressed the House in favor of the bill—the 3d clause being stricken out.

Mr. McCrady moved, by way of compromise amend the 3d clause, by striking out "after two thirds" the words "two successive sessions of both branches of the Legislature."

Mr. B. F. Perry, in a speech of much ability, advocated the right of Pendleton to a division, and showed that in conceding that right, no compromise was made.

The question was then taken on the amendment of Mr. McCrady and decided in the negative.

The question then recurred on striking out the 3d Section. Carried.

The vote on a third reading of the bill as amended, was next taken by yeas and nays—yeas 91, nays 23.

The Speaker announced the following committee on the State House and Grounds, to act jointly with other gentlemen from the Senate; Messrs. Wagner, Hunt, and Keitt.

The House then adjourned.

SENATE.
FRIDAY, Dec. 3, 1852.

The Journal of yesterday having been read.

The President announced that a bill had been sent from the House of Representatives to change the Constitution, so as to divide Pendleton into two election Districts. The bill received its first reading; and on motion of Mr. Moses, was made the special order of the day, without reference, to-morrow at 1 o'clock.

Mr. Moses submitted petitions of J. Frank and J. and M. Iseman, to be confirmed in the titles of land purchased before naturalization; referred.

Mr. Hibben presented the counter petition of sundry citizens of the town of Mount Pleasant against the incorporation of the Union Ferry Company; referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. Dudley submitted the reports of the President and Directors of the Cheraw and Anson Railroad Company; referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Adams gave notice, that he would on to-morrow introduce a bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to construct a certain Bridge over the Congaree River.

Mr. Mazyck, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, reported a bill to charter the Commercial Bank of Columbia with amendments; also, reported the bill to establish a Bank in the town of Chester, with amendments; also, a bill to establish a Bank in the town of Newberry, with amendments. Ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. Carew submitted a counter petition of the Trustees of a Society of Israelites

in Charleston, against confirming the Society of Beth Elolhim, in the title to a certain piece of land.

Mr. Goodwyn gave notice that he would on to-morrow introduce a bill to exempt Apothecaries from ordinary militia duties.

Mr. Porter gave notice that he would on to-morrow introduce a bill to incorporate the Firemen, Insurance Company of Charleston, also, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to regulate agencies of Foreign Insurance Companies; which received its first reading, and was referred, on motion of Mr. Adams, to the Committee on Federal Relations, and on motion of Mr. Moses, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Moses, from the Judiciary Committee, on the petition of sundry citizens of Darlington and Sumter Districts, to prevent obstructions to the free passage of fish up Lynch's Creek, reported by bill, which received its first reading; also, a bill to alter the sitting of the Court on the Northern Circuit; received its first reading.

A message was received from the House of Representatives announcing that that body had appointed Messrs. Hunt, Keitt and Wagner a committee on the State House and grounds, and asking that a similar committee might be appointed on the part of the Senate. Message concurred in, and Messrs. Bull, Bedon and Goodwyn appointed a committee on the part of the Senate.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate had appointed Professor Williams to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of one of the Commissioners of the Fire Proof Building.

Mr. Brockman submitted the report of J. W. Hodge, the Commissioner of Public Works, referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Evans presented the returns of the Commissioners of Free Schools of Anderson District for 1852; referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Harlee presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools of Marion District.

On motion of Mr. Witherspoon, the special order of the day, a bill to redistrict the State was discharged and made the Special Order of the day on to-morrow at 2 o'clock.

The Senate proceeded to the General Orders of the day.

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the reports of Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives included under numbers 56, 63, 64, 65, 66, 68, 69, 70, of the general Orders were agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence. On motion of Mr. Witherspoon No. 67 of the General Order was passed over for the present.

A bill to incorporate the Exchange Bank in the town of Columbia, reported by the Committee on Finance and Banks was amended, received a second reading, and was ordered to the House of Representatives.

The bill to incorporate the Columbia Building and Loan Association received a second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to the House of Representatives.

A bill to incorporate the Church Home in the City of Charleston, was read a second time, agreed to, and ordered to the House of Representatives.

A bill to incorporate the Columbia Gas Light Company, was read a second time, agreed to, and ordered to the House of Representatives.

A bill in relation to the execution of slaves and free persons of color, received a second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to the House of Representatives.

A bill to alter and amend the Constitution so as to change the name of the election district of Saxo Gotha to that of Lexington, and to extend its boundaries to its present judicial limits, was read a second time. The question upon agreeing to the bill was taken by yeas and nays, and unanimously carried, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Nos. 79, 80, 81, and 82, of the general orders were, on motion of Mr. Huey, discharged and placed in the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A message was received from the House of Representatives announcing that that body was not disposed to concur in the report of the Senate Committee on Claims in a certain subject.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, a committee of conference was proposed, and Messrs. Dudley and Carew were appointed such Committee.

Mr. Chesnut submitted the report of the Committee on Agriculture on the report of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, together with a bill, which received its first reading, and was ordered for consideration to-morrow and to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Buchanan introduced a bill to incorporate the Planters Bank in Fairfield; received its first reading.

Mr. Moorman moved that when the Senate adjourns, it stands adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock; agreed to.

Mr. Evin gave notice, that he would on to-morrow introduce a bill to incorporate the Western Bank of South Carolina in Anderson.

On motion of Mr. Brockman, the Senate adjourned.

Dreadful Explosion.

On Monday last, about 3 o'clock, P. M., occurred one of those fatal accidents from steam, which form so large an item in the history of the working of this powerful agent, which has been rendered tributary to the uses of man, but which has only been partially subjected to his control.—The Steam Mill lately constructed about 3 miles from this place, by our enterprising fellow-citizen, Mr. Thomas J. Coghlan, was literally scattered into fragments by the bursting of the boilers. The loss was a heavy one for him, but we have no doubt was far less felt than the loss of life. One negro was killed instantly, and two others died in the course of twenty-four hours after explosion. Two other negroes were seriously injured, and also two white men. The negroes that were killed belonged to Mrs. Logan, Mr. Jos. B. White, and T. J. Coghlan. The wounded, both white and black, are doing well. The cause of the explosion, as usual, is involved in much mystery. The hands were

about to suspend operations for dinner, and were blowing off steam. The boilers were however old ones, and one of the set—three in number—had exploded some four years since and were repaired, and used in the construction of this mill. We understand that all three of the boilers exploded at the same instant, scattering the fragments to great distances, and producing a noise which was heard at the distance of twelve or fourteen miles, and until the true cause was known, was supposed to be distant thunder. The shock at the village was very severe.—*Sumter Watchman.*

The Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, the strong free trade tendencies of which paper are sufficiently well known, thus foreshadows one of the movements to be made in the coming session of Congress:

"We are so near to the session that the prominent topics which are to engage its attention are already looked to with interest. One of these topics is the promotion of the interests of new railroad enterprises, which are so great in number and importance. An attempt was made, at the late session, to remit the duties on railroad iron to be imported for a number of years. A general bill exempting all railroad iron from duty was reported from the Committee on Public Lands by Mr. Orr. Government can dispense with the revenue, and the advance and wealth and prosperity of the country will be promoted by the total exemption of railroad iron from duty. The price of iron is so high now, that the duty is exceeding burdensome to all new enterprises, and must check some of them in their progress, or cause their abandonment entirely. If any general and correct effort be made at the coming session to abolish this tax, it will prevail. There is not much railroad iron made here. But the quality is superior to that of the imported article. All other branches of iron manufacture are doing very well. A limit might be put to the time for which railroad iron should be admitted duty free, and, after the lapse of the term, the American article would have full possession of the largest market in the world. The permanent interests of the country, and even the iron manufacture, would be promoted by this measure."

Convention of Editors, Publishers, &c.

The Convention met, on Wednesday December 1, 1852, at the Firemen's Hall, and, on motion of W. R. Johnston, P. M. Wallace, of the Carolina Spartan, was called to the chair, and R. M. Stokes, of the Laurensville Herald, was appointed secretary.

The following gentlemen represented the Journals opposite their names: P. M. Wallace, Carolina Spartan. R. A. McKnight, Unionville Journal. E. H. Britton, Fairfield Herald. J. H. Norwood, Darlington Flag. T. J. Warren, Camden Journal. J. R. Gossett, Greenville Mountaineer. T. J. Eccles, Yorkville Mercury. J. H. Giles, Newberry Sentinel. R. S. Bailey, Lancaster Ledger. W. R. Taber, Jr., Charleston Mercury. S. A. Godman, Family Friend. C. H. Allen, Abbeville Banner. B. C. Presley, Southern Standard. J. A. Bonner, Due West Telescope. W. B. Johnston, South Carolinian. A. T. Cavis, do. R. W. Gibbs, Palmetto State Banner. W. B. Carlisle, Ex. Ed. Telegraph. B. M. Stokes, Laurensville Herald. D. K. Whitaker, Southern Magazine. A. A. Gilbert, Sumter Watchman. J. B. Mickle, Fairfield Herald.

Mr. Taber of the Charleston Mercury and Mr. Presley, of the Southern Standard, explained their position in the Convention in a very satisfactory manner.

Mr. Carlisle presented a draft for a constitution to form, and for the government of, a permanent Society of the members of the press of the State, which, on motion was referred to the following Committee: E. H. Britton, W. R. Taber, W. B. Johnston, W. B. Carlisle, J. H. Giles, R. A. McKnight, R. M. Stokes, J. R. Gossett and J. H. Norwood.

Mr. Johnston moved that all propositions submitted shall be presented to the above Committee.

On motion of J. A. Bonner, a Committee of three was appointed to nominate Officers for the Society. The Chairman thereupon appointed the following gentlemen: J. A. Bonner, S. A. Godman and T. J. Warren.

On motion the Convention adjourned to meet at 6 1-2 o'clock this evening.

P. M. WALLACE, CA'N.

R. M. STOKES, Sec'y.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at the appointed time.

Mr. C. D. Melton of the Palmetto Standard recorded his name as a member of the Convention.

The Committee to whom was referred the preparation of business for the action of the Convention this evening made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the preparation of business for the action of this body, report, that having had under consideration the several matters committed to them, they beg leave respectfully to recommend the following for your adoption:

The undersigned, in order the more effectually to cultivate social relations and feelings of brotherhood and community of interest among all persons connected with the Press, and regulate, as far as possible, by common consent and agreement, the manner in which the functions of the Press shall be discharged and directed, do hereby establish and agree to the following:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Sec. 1. The title of this Association shall be the "South Carolina Press Association."

Sec. 2. All persons connected with the Press as Editors, Proprietors or Reporters, or that may have been so connected before application, may become members, as hereafter provided.

Sec. 3. The officers shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, and a Permanent Committee of three members.

Sec. 4. The members of the Permanent Committee shall be entrusted with the following: The interests of the Association in their respective localities. It will be the duty of each to notify the President of any thing which requires the action of the Association. The Permanent Committee shall be appointed by each President on entering his office. The other officers shall be elected by a plurality of votes, which, after the first meeting, shall be by ballot. All the officers, except the President, shall be ex-officio members of the Permanent Committee.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. After the meeting applicants shall be proposed by their own letters, recommended by at least two members of the Association, and balloted for immediately, and be declared duly elected, if not more than three dissentients be found.

Sec. 2. All officers shall be elected at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The President, Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer shall discharge the duties required of their stations and indicated by the names of their offices respectively, and such special appropriate duties as may be required by resolution of the Association. The President may convene the Association on extraordinary occasions, whenever he judges the interests of the profession require such convocation.

Sec. 2. Each member subscribing here to shall feel his duty, when called on, to aid by advice and counsel any member of the craft.

Sec. 3. The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held at such time and place as the Association may direct at the preceding Annual Meeting.

Sec. 4. An Address shall be delivered before the Association at each annual meeting by one of its members, who shall be appointed at the preceding annual meeting.

Sec. 5. The expenses of the Association shall be paid by an assessment of the members, at each meeting. Such assessment being merely for the purpose of defraying necessary expenses. The funds to be paid under the direction of the President.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. The Association establishes and will enforce, as part of its Constitution, the following Rules and Regulations for the guidance of its members in their several relations to the Press.

Sec. 2. Proprietors of Journals shall not employ any apprentice previously employed by any other member of this Association, not honorably discharged.

Sec. 3. As a general rule, no papers shall be mailed from our offices to new subscribers, unless at least six months, subscription be paid in advance, and all papers will be discontinued (due notice having been given to the subscriber after the time paid for has expired).

Respectfully submitted, E. H. BRITTON, Chairman Committee.

Which, after some discussion, was unanimously adopted.

The Committee appointed to nominate officers to serve the ensuing year made their report.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, the Convention proceeded to ballot for officers of the Association; which resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:

For President—R. W. Gibbs.
Vice President—P. M. Wallace, W. R. Taber.

Secretary and Treasurer—E. H. Britton, Orator—T. J. Warren.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to notify the officers elected of the result of the balloting.

On motion of Mr. Johnston, the thanks of the Association were tendered to the members of the Independent Fire Company of Columbia, for the use of their Hall. The Chairman announced an invitation from Mr. Janney to the members of the Association to dine with him to-morrow, which was accepted; and, on motion of Mr. Taber, the thanks of the members were returned to that gentleman for his courtesy.

On motion of Mr. Presley, the thanks of the Association were tendered to P. M. Wallace, for the courteous and dignified manner with which he presided at this meeting.

On motion of Mr. Bonner, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in all the papers of the State.