

It was only a little blossom, Just the merest bit of bloom, But it brought a glimpse of summer To the little darkened room.

It was only a glad "Good morning," As she passed along the way, But it spread the morning's glory Over the living day.

Only a song, but the music, Though simply pure and sweet, Brought back to better pathways The reckless roving feet.

Only in our blind wisdom How dare we say it at all? Since the ages alone can tell us Which is the great or small?

Is Consumption Incurable? Read the following: Mr. C. H. Mor...

On the Field of Battle. An army officer tells this story: At the battle of Gettysburg, heavy fighting was going on at the front...

No home should be without it to arrest disorders promptly, which, if not taken in season, often develop into serious diseases.

Cloud Telegraphy. A remarkable experiment in signaling with electric lights was recently made by the officers of two vessels of the British Navy...

The Espoir had sailed from that port for Hong Kong, leaving the Orion in the harbor of Singapore.

But can a light be seen sixty miles away? Certainly not, in its direct rays, but the Orion threw a brilliant blaze of light upon the clouds...

More than this, the Orion, having thrown upon the clouds a regular message by means of successful flashes, this message was read and understood on board the Espoir.

The question has been asked whether this means of communication might not be made of practical advantage. It would depend, it is true, upon the condition of the atmosphere...

Just a Common Man. A propos of reminiscences concerning Gen. Grant is this, which comes from his old home in Galena: One Smith, one of the old residents of the place, was at dinner one day, before the war was fairly inaugurated, when a servant announced: "Some one to see you, sir."

"A gentleman, James?" "Well, no, sir; he's just a common man. I gave him a chair in the hall."

"The common man" was the name of the future Commander-in-Chief of the Army of America.

A few years later two gentlemen called on a young man who was seated in a Chicago boarding-house. One of the gentlemen was a member of the past board of the young man's school, and the other was a friend of his father's.

The young man on whom Gen. Grant was calling was Eugene Smith, the son of Gen. Smith.

At one time the ladies of a certain church in Galena gave a series of parties for some charitable organization. Mrs. U. S. Grant but did not give the tea party.

"I haven't a whole set of china in my house," she said in excuse, "and when I ask company to eat off my china or nicked dishes."

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An Explanation. What is this "nervous trouble" with which so many seem now to be afflicted? If you will remember a few years ago the word Malaria was comparatively unknown...

Plan of Organization of the Democratic Party of North Carolina.

DEM. CENTRAL EX. COM. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23, 1888.

The following is the plan of organization heretofore adopted by the State Democratic Committee for the guidance of the party.

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION. 1. The unit of county organization shall be the township.

2. The several township executive committees shall convene at the meetings of the several county conventions, or at any time and place that a majority of them may elect...

3. In case there shall be a failure on the part of any township to elect its executive committee for the period of thirty days, the county executive committee shall appoint said committee from the Democratic voters of said township.

4. The members of the township committees shall elect to any vacancy occurring in said committees.

5. The county executive committee shall call all necessary county conventions by giving at least ten days notice by public advertisement in three public places in each township, at the court house door, and in any Democratic newspaper that may be published in said county...

6. Each township shall be entitled to cast in the county convention one vote for every twenty-five Democratic votes, and one vote for fractions of fifteen Democratic votes cast by that township at the last preceding gubernatorial election.

7. In cases where townships consist of more than one ward or precinct, each of said wards or precincts shall be entitled to send delegates to county conventions, and shall cast its proportionate part of its township's vote, based upon the last preceding vote for Governor in said township.

8. The chairmen of township committees shall preside at all township conventions. In their absence any other member of said committee may preside.

9. In cases where all the township executive committees are required to meet for the purpose of electing county executive committees, said meetings shall be deemed to have a quorum when a majority of such townships shall be represented in said meeting.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. 1. The several county conventions shall be entitled to elect to their Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional Conventions, one delegate and one alternate for every fifty Democratic votes, and one delegate for fractions over twenty-five Democratic votes cast at the last preceding gubernatorial election in their respective counties, and none but delegates or alternates so elected shall be entitled to seats in said convention.

2. The chairman, or in his absence any member of the county, senatorial, judicial and congressional committee, shall call to order their respective conventions, and hold the chairmanship thereof until the convention shall elect its chairman.

3. The executive committee of the senatorial, congressional and judicial districts, respectively, shall at the call of their respective chairmen, meet at some time and place in their respective districts, designated in said call. And it shall be their duty to appoint the time and place for holding conventions in their respective districts; and the chairman of said respective committees shall immediately notify the chairmen of the different county

executive committees of said appointments, and the said county executive committees shall forthwith call conventions of their respective counties in conformity to said notice, to send delegates to said respective district conventions.

STATE CONVENTIONS. 1. The State Convention shall be composed of delegates appointed by the several county conventions. Each county shall be entitled to elect one delegate and one alternate for every one hundred and fifty Democratic votes, and one delegate for fractions over seventy-five Democratic votes cast therein at the last preceding gubernatorial election; and none but delegates or alternates so elected shall be entitled to seats in said convention.

GENERAL RULES. 1. Such delegates (or alternates of absent delegates) as may be present at any Democratic convention shall be allowed to cast the whole vote to which their township or county may be entitled.

2. If no delegate or alternate shall attend a State convention from any county any person appointed by the President of the county convention, or on his failure by its Secretary, may represent the county.

3. In all conventions provided for by this system, after a vote is cast there shall be no change in said vote until the final result of the ballot shall be announced by the chairman of said convention.

4. All Democratic executive committees shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in their respective bodies.

5. That the chairmen of the different county conventions shall certify the list of delegates and alternates to the different district and state conventions, and a certified list of said delegates and alternates to the State convention shall be sent to the Secretary of the State Central Committee.

For the committee: R. H. BATTLE, Chm'n. B. C. BECKWITH, Sec'y.

The Committee to the Party. RALPHIGH, N. C., Feb. 25th, '88.

To the Democratic Party in North Carolina: At a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee held in this city, on the 23rd of February, instant, it was resolved that the Democratic State Convention be held in the city of Raleigh on Thursday, the 30th day of May, 1888.

The said Convention will be held for the nomination of candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney-General, three Justices of the Supreme Court—one for the vacancy now filled by appointment of the Governor, and two to take their seats in case the number of Justices shall be increased by the vote of the people—and of two Electors for the State at large, and for the election of Delegates and alternate Delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in the city of St. Louis on the 5th day of June next.

Also, for the adoption of a platform of principles and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

It will be observed that the State Convention is to be held earlier this year than usual. This was necessary in order that the delegates to the National Convention, to be held the week after, may be selected. The National Convention is called earlier than usual in order that the party may be better organized and a more thorough campaign made in behalf of its nominees and its great principles.

The same advantage attends the earlier meeting of our State Convention and nomination of its candidates.

The State committee respectfully urge upon the county committees throughout the State to take early action for the call of their county conventions, in accordance with the plan of organization which is published with this address, giving full notice of meetings in the different townships, so that primaries may be fairly held and fully attended. Thus the fairness of all nominations and other business done may be universally conceded. It is obviously important that every county shall be represented in the State Convention by one or more of its own citizens, but if for any reason one cannot attend, provision has been made for the representation of the county by any person appointed by the chairman of the county convention, or in case his failure to appoint, by one appointed by its secretary.

For purposes of efficient organization it is desirable that all vacancies in the different committees be filled at once by active and zealous men.

At the recent meeting of the State committee it was made my duty to call special attention of the chairmen of county and Congressional executive committees to the necessity of immediate steps to provide for the election of delegates to the National Convention from the different districts. If it shall seem impracticable to call conventions to meet in some of the districts for this purpose, it is suggested that the end may be effected by authorizing delegates to the State Convention from such districts to meet in Raleigh on or about the 30th of May in district conventions and elect delegates to represent the districts at St. Louis.

We have reasons to know that our adversaries will make desperate efforts this year to restore the State to Radical rule with all its attendant evils. Let true men and good Democrats attend the conventions of our party, resolved to present for the suffrage of the people men of character, integrity and recognized fitness for the offices to which they are nominated, and only such, and the continued supremacy of the white race, which is synonymous in North Carolina with the supremacy of the Democratic party, will be assured for another term of years.

For the committee: R. H. BATTLE, Chm'n. B. C. BECKWITH, Sec'y.

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