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DEMOCRATIC PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

County and District Conventions—General Rules.

1. The unit of county organization shall be the voting precincts. In each precinct there shall be an Executive Committee, to consist of five active Democrats, who shall be elected by the Democratic voters at the several precincts in the meeting first called by the county executive committee. And said committee so elected shall elect one of its members as chairman, who shall preside at all committee meetings.

2. The chairman of the several precinct committees shall compose the county executive committee, which shall meet at the same time and place as the county convention first held in each election year, and elect a chairman of said county committee, who need not be a member of the committee, and he shall preside at all meetings of said committee, and shall hold his place until his successor shall be elected. A majority of said precinct chairmen, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum. The county committee shall likewise appoint a central committee of five, who shall act in its stead when the county committee is not in session.

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

4. The members of the precinct committee shall elect to any vacancy occurring in said committee.

5. The county executive committee shall call all necessary conventions by giving at least ten days' notice by public advertisement in three public places in each precinct, at the court house door and in any Democratic newspaper that may be published in said county, requesting all Democrats of the county to meet in their respective precincts on a common day therein stated, which said day shall not be less than three days before the meeting of the county conventions, for the purpose of electing their delegates to the county conventions. Thereupon the meeting so held shall elect their delegates to represent the precincts in the county convention from the voters of respective voting precincts, which delegates, or such of them as shall attend, shall vote the full Democratic strength of their respective voting precincts on all questions that may come before said county conventions. In case no meeting shall be held in any precinct in pursuance of said call, or no election shall be made, the precinct executive committee shall appoint such delegates.

PRIMARIES.

6. At every precinct meeting there shall (before the delegates to the county convention are elected) be a vote taken for the different candidates for office, whose names may be presented and the delegates shall vote in the county convention of their respective districts in accordance with this vote that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the county convention that proportion of the vote to which the precinct may be entitled which he received in the precinct meeting. The chairman and secretary of the precinct meeting shall certify to the county convention the vote received by each candidate at the precinct meeting.

7. Each precinct shall be entitled to cast in the county convention one vote for every twenty-five Democratic voters, and one vote for fractions of thirteen Democratic voters cast by the township at the last preceding gubernatorial election; provided, that every voting precinct shall be entitled to cast one vote, and each precinct may send as many delegates as it may see fit.

8. The chairman of the precinct committees shall preside at

all precinct meetings. In their absence any other member of said committees may preside.

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 of 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 a seat in said conventions: Provided further, that in all county conventions in which delegates shall be selected to attend any State, Congressional, Judicial or other convention, a vote shall be taken in accordance with the plan of organization as to the candidates whose names may be presented to such county convention. The delegates shall be selected from the friends and supporters of each candidate voted for, in proportion to the number of votes he shall receive in such county convention, and no other instruction shall be given: Provided further, that when only one candidate is presented and voted for at such county convention it shall be lawful to instruct for such candidate.

2. At every county convention (before delegates to State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other conventions are chosen) there shall be a vote taken for the different candidates for office, whose names may be presented, and the delegates shall vote for their respective counties in accordance with this vote; that is to say, each candidate shall receive in the State, Congressional, Judicial, Senatorial or other convention the proportion of the vote to which the county may be entitled which he received in the county convention. The chairman and secretary of the county convention shall certify to each convention the vote received by each candidate given: Provided, that where only one candidate is presented it shall be lawful to instruct for him. At all State district conventions the delegates from the different counties may disregard the vote of their respective counties as to any candidate: Provided, that a two-thirds majority of all his votes from the county consent.

3. The chairman, or in his absence, any member of the county, Senatorial, Judicial and Congressional convention, shall call to order their respective conventions and hold chairmanship thereof until the convention shall elect its chairman.

4. 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, and the chairmen of said respective committees shall immediately notify the chairman of the different county executive committees of the said appointment, and the said county executive committee shall forthwith call conventions of their respective counties in conformity to said notice to send delegates to said respective district conventions.

STATE CONVENTIONS.

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: Provided, that every county shall have at least one vote in said convention.

Resolution passed at meeting of executive committee, Nov. 30, 1897:

"Resolved, that in accordance with the resolution heretofore adopted, all white electors who

intend to vote with us in the next election, and who desire the re-establishment of Anglo-saxon supremacy and honest government in North Carolina, are cordially invited to participate in all our primaries and conventions."

GENERAL RULES.

1. At all conventions the delegates shall be selected as near as may be from the friends and supporters of the candidates voted for.

2. Such delegates—or alternates of absent delegates—as may be present at the Democratic convention shall be allowed to cast the whole vote to which their precinct or county may be entitled.

3. In all conventions provided for by this system, after a vote is cast, there shall be no change in such 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 vacancies occurring in their respective bodies.

5. The chairman of the different county conventions shall certify the list of delegates and alternates of the different district and State conventions, and a certified list of said delegates and alternates to the secretary of the State central committee.

6. It shall be the duty of the county committee and its chairman to furnish such information and make such reports to the chairman of the State committee as he may desire.

F. M. Simmons,
Chairman State Dem. Ex. Com.
P. M. Pearsall, Secretary.

Did Exactly Right.

The Apex News comments, as follows, on the candidacy of John W. Atwater for Congress in this district:

Instead of doing a wrong when the Democrats of this district nominated Edward W. Pou for Congress, they did what was exactly right. We now have a Representative in Congress that is a credit to our State and the Democrats of the District are going to keep him in Congress as long as he faithfully serves the best interests of the people. Mr. Atwater was given a two year term in Congress by the Democrats and he should be thankful for what he has already received and go way back and sit down. He has been well paid for his service to the Democratic party and it is time that his mind should become satisfied on this point. The 4th is no longer a fusion district and will no more send fusionists to represent them in Congress.

Mr. Atwater was elected in 1898 by Democratic voters, but as a populist and those of us who voted for him in this section of Wake county did so with that understanding because we did not believe that we could elect a man of our own party. In this we were fooled, as a straight Democrat would have polled more votes than Mr. Atwater. We can't send everybody to Congress just to keep them in harmony with the party and those who are Democrats as long as they can hold office only, are not worth much to any party.

White Oak township cast the first votes for Mr. Pou in that convention which nominated him, even before his name was put before the convention, and our people are proud of having done so. We did it because we believed him to be a man of real worth, a sterling Democrat and true Christian gentleman. We have not had cause to regret our choice, and will give him our hearty support in the primary and at the polls this year.

My little son had an attack of whooping cough and was threatened with pneumonia; but for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy we would have had a serious time of it. It also saved him from several attacks of croup.—H. J. Strickfaden, editor World-Herald, Fair Haven, Wash. For sale by Hood Bros., Smithfield, Cavanaugh and Benson, Benson, Hare and Son, Selma.

A STRICKEN FAMILY.

Two Children Cold in Death and Two Dying in Agony.

A letter received here yesterday from Clayton tells the following pathetic story:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones, a poor and highly respected family living just out of Clayton, had two children, a boy of seventeen and a girl of ten, taken suddenly and violently ill. In a few hours both were wild with delirium and pain. In two days a third child, a boy of thirteen, was taken and in a short time was unconscious and raving. The shrieks of these three could be heard before reaching the house. The physicians in consultation pronounced the dread disease meningitis.

In two days from the time the first two became unconscious, a fourth child, a bright little girl of fifteen, grew ill and was raving deliriously.

When the writer visited the house he saw on one bed the corpse of the little girl first taken, and one had died that morning. On another in the same room, lay the second uttering such shrieks it made one's heart stand still to hear. In another room, on two beds lay the boys—one quiet from morphine, and the other dying. The next day the two, boy and girl, were buried in the same grave. The remaining two children are living still (three days after the first funeral) but are in the last stages of the disease, and will die some time during the day or night.

Dr. Hubert Royster, of Raleigh, was telegraphed for and came down to see them, but said the trouble was beyond any medical skill, and only God's grace could save them.

The father and mother had three children to die in one week only two years ago, and eighteen years ago, three died, almost at the same time, with diphtheria.

Not only sympathy but the help of every man and woman in Clayton should be extended to these lonely parents.—Sunday's News and Observer.

Farms in North Carolina.

Washington, June 3.—The census report on agriculture in North Carolina shows that on June 1st, 1900, the State had 224,637 farms, valued at \$164,655,920. Of the valuation 27 per cent. was in buildings and the remainder in land and other improvements than buildings. The value of farm implements and machinery was \$9,072,600 and live stock \$30,106,173, making the total value of farm property \$233,834,693. The total value of farm products for 1899 was \$89,309,638, of which 23 per cent. was in animal products and the remainder in crops, including forest products cut or produced on farms. The total value of farm products for 1899 exceeded those of 1889 by 78 per cent. The gross farm income of North Carolina for 1899 was \$79,200,748. The gross income upon investment was 34 per cent.

Wilkesbarre's Midget Baby.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 2.—A boy born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens, of this city, weighs only 23 ounces and is only 11 inches in height. The little fellow is kept wrapped in fine yielding cotton. The doctor says the child is perfectly healthy and thinks he will live. His daily supply of food consists of two teaspoonfuls of milk and water.

The Agricultural and Mechanical college has bought for \$10,000 the farm including buildings, of William R. Crawford, west of and adjoining the college farm. There are fifty-three acres.

The growth and development of the system of rural free delivery of mail are remarkable. Postmaster Bailey says that the carriers on the five routes out of Raleigh handled over 20,000 pieces of mail in May. There are now 116 of these carriers in the State. All except one gets \$600 a year, and one, who has a short route, gets \$480.

Text of the Peace Terms.

The war between England and the Boers has ended. The terms of peace which were signed last Saturday night, are as follows:

The burgher forces in the field shall forthwith lay down their arms and surrender their ammunition, and desist from further resistance to the authority of King Edward VII, whom they recognize as their lawful sovereign. The manner and details of the surrender will be arranged between Lord Kitchener and Commandant General Botha, assisted by General Delarey and Chief Commandant De Wet.

All the burghers in the field, outside the limits of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony, and all prisoners of war outside of South Africa, will, on duly acknowledging their position as subjects of the King, be brought back to their homes as soon as transport can be provided. Means of subsistence will be assured.

The burghers so surrendering will not be deprived of personal liberty or property.

No proceedings, civil or criminal, will be taken against the burghers surrendering, or returning for any acts in connection with the prosecution of the war. The benefit of this clause does not extend to certain acts contrary to the usages of war.

All such cases to be reported by the Commander-in-Chief to the Boer Generals and to be tried by court-martial immediately after the close of hostilities.

The Dutch language to be used in the schools when the parents desire, and in the Courts when necessary to the better administration of justice.

The possession of rifles to be allowed on the obtaining of licenses.

The military administration at the earliest possible date to be succeeded by a civic government. As soon as circumstances permit representative institutions, leading up to self-government, to be introduced.

The question of granting franchise to rebels will not be decided until after the introduction of self-government.

No special tax to be imposed on landed property to pay the expenses of the war.

As soon as possible a Commission, on which the local inhabitants shall be represented, to be appointed in each district under the presidency of a Magistrate for the purpose of restoring the people to their homes, and supplying those who, owing to war losses, are unable to do so themselves, with food and shelter, and a necessary amount of seed, stock, implements, etc., for the resumption of their normal occupations. For this purpose the Government will place in the hands of the Commissioners, 3,000,000 pounds sterling.

They will allow all the notes issued under the law of 1900 of the South African Republics or under their orders to be presented to a Judicial Commission, which will be appointed by the Government, and if such notes and receipts are found by this Commission to have been duly issued in return for valuable considerations, they will be received by the first-named commissions as evidence of war losses suffered by the persons to which they were originally given.

In addition to the above-named free grant of 3,000,000 pounds sterling, his Majesty's Government will be prepared to make advances, on loan, for the same purposes, free of interest for two years, and afterward repayable over a period of years with 3 per cent. interest. No foreigner or rebel will be entitled to benefit under this clause.

The democrats of Harnett held their convention in Lillington Monday to select delegates to the state, congressional and judicial conventions. No instructions were given the delegates. A resolution was adopted making all democrats that may attend either of the conventions delegates. A good crowd was in attendance and good feeling prevailed.

General News Items.

John Henry Barrows, president of Oberlin, (Ohio) College, died Tuesday.

The war department has issued an order reducing the standing army from 77,287 to 66,497.

Sylvester Pennoyer, ex-Governor of Oregon; died suddenly Friday afternoon of heart failure.

Earthquake shocks are being felt in several sections of Mexico and the mud in an extinct volcano is found to be in motion.

Two persons were probably fatally hurt and five others bruised in a wreck at Otis, Iowa, Monday, on the Chicago & Northwestern road.

Near Huntsville, Ala., last Saturday footpads robbed a farmer in his field and nailed him to a tree, where he remained for several hours before discovery.

J. R. Bergeron's saloon was destroyed by fire at Elizabeth City Sunday night and two young men, James B. Carter and Benjamin Ward, who slept upstairs, perished.

A distinct earthquake shock was felt at Greenville, S.C., early Saturday morning. The tremor was accompanied by a low, rumbling sound, continued for several seconds.

Dr. Andrew Hunter, one of the patriarchs of the Methodist Church in Arkansas, died in Little Rock this week in his eighty-ninth year. He was licensed to preach in 1836 in that State.

Exercises commemorative of the anniversary of the birthday of Jefferson Davis were conducted by the local organizations of the United States Confederate Veterans Tuesday in Atlanta.

The state has chartered the Consolidated Credit Company, of Charlotte, capital \$5,000. It is a mercantile agency and will give information as to commercial standing of business men of North Carolina.

At the opening of the new Tilden Club in New York, June 19th ex-President Cleveland will be one of the speakers. Leading men of all elements of the party will be present, such as Bryan, Hill, Van Wyck, etc.

During the thunder storm Sunday evening, a negro woman, the wife of Arch McNeill, near Laurinburg, was instantly killed by lightning. The infant in her arms was not hurt, though another child in the room was stunned.

Fifty persons committed suicide in Chicago during May. This is the greatest number ever recorded, according to the Health Department. During the same period there were 134 deaths from Bright's disease, which also is unprecedented.

Confederate Memorial Day was observed Tuesday at Lexington, Va., by the decoration of the tomb of Gen. Robert E. Lee, at Washington and Lee University, and the grave of Gen. Thomas J. Jackson (Stonewall) in the Lexington cemetery.

In the primaries in New Hanover county last week Judge M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton, polled a large number of votes for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. While Judge Justice is no candidate, those who oppose the nomination of Judge Clark, voted for him as a protest. Judge Justice is one of the ablest lawyers in the State and next to Aycock was most prominently mentioned for Governor two years ago.

The May Bulletin of the State board of health, says measles prevails in 27 counties and is epidemic in Bladen; whooping cough is in 23, and epidemic in Northampton; pneumonia in 18, in some very numerous cases; smallpox in 23, with a total of 159 cases, Mecklenburg leading with 56 and Rockingham next with 28. Only 5 cases of diphtheria are reported and 23 of scarlet fever. Typhoid is reported in 19 counties with many cases in Chatham.