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THE ORGANIZATION.



1. The National Republican League is an organization composed of one State League from each State and Territory.

2. The State League is composed of the delegates from each Republican Club of the State.

3. The local Republican Club is composed of the Republicans of the neighborhood in which the club is.

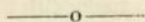
4. At least one Republican Club should be organized in every Election Precinct.

5. Leagues and Clubs are not intended to take the place of regular party organizations, but to be auxiliary thereto. All League and Club officers should work in complete harmony with the Republican Committees. The officers of each Club should especially consult frequently with the county Republican Executive Committee, and co-operate with it.

6. The Secretary of each Club should send the names of the officers of the Club, and their postoffice addresses, to the chairman of the county Republican Committee, and to the secretary of the State League.

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HOW TO ORGANIZE A CLUB.



1. Circulate for signatures of as many Republicans as possible the following paper calling a meeting: "We, the undersigned, Republicans of..... believing in the principles of Republicanism, and that the party's interest can be advanced by the organization of a Republican club in this locality, hereby enroll ourselves for that purpose, and agree to attend a meeting at on the day of..... for the perfection of an organization."

2. At the first meeting elect a temporary chairman and secretary. Adopt constitution as furnished herewith.

3. Elect officers as provided by the constitution.

4. Elect as officers men who will, when elected, receive the united support of all elements in the club.

5. Every officer elected in the club should be a person whose Republicanism is unquestioned.

WORK WITHIN THE CLUB.

1. It is desirable that permanent headquarters be established at once, and that the rooms be accessible to the members during the day and evening.

2. Make the club room the center of political activity in the neighborhood, and the common school where the voter can receive his political education.

3. Make the policy of the club so broad that every Republican can work under it. Keep out of "isms" and stand on the great cardinal principles of the party.

4. Invite to membership every person who sympathizes with the Republican party, and who intends to support its candidates.

5. See that every Republican in the vicinity joins the Club.

6. Have regular meetings of the club once a month at least.

7. An interesting programme of work should be prepared for every evening. This is essential to the existence of the club.

8. At each meeting, in addition to the addresses by prominent visitors, have some member prepare a political paper to be read, or an address, after which ask the members to talk upon it.

9. Permit every member to have his say. Free speech

is one of the cardinal principles of the Republican party. But avoid long discussions. Allow no offensive personalities.

10. Supply the club room with the best political literature.

11. See that every member takes and reads at least one Republican newspaper, and especially stimulate the circulation of your local party paper.

12. Join the State League, and have your club fully represented at all League conventions.

13. Communicate freely with the State League, reporting your work in detail for the benefit of the League and other clubs.

14. Especially provide that every Republican voter is taught how to prepare his ballot under the new election law.

15. Let the State League and the State Committee know what reading matter you want.

16. Give the young men a full share of the active, organizing, recruiting, rallying campaigning work. Encourage them to make speeches.

WORK OUTSIDE THE CLUB.

1. Permit no conflicts to arise between your club and other organizations of the Republican party.

2. Co-operate with all other Republican committees in strengthening the party.

3. Where clubs are not organized in adjoining towns and election precincts, see that organizations similar to your own are perfected.

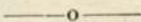
4. See that all Republicans attend caucuses and primary meetings.

5. See that every Republican in your district is registered on the Assessor's list of voters.

SUGGESTIONS.

The life of every club depends upon the personal interest taken in its work by individuals, and it is always well to divide the labor and make somebody responsible for each branch of it. There is work enough for everybody, and each member will feel his proprietary interest in the club in proportion to the work done. Interest the Republican women of your locality in your club. They will be valuable auxiliary members in getting up entertainments and making the social features of the club attractive and popular.

CONSTITUTION.



I.—NAME.

The name of this club shall be "The

.....
Republican Club of

II.—OBJECTS.

The objects of this club shall be: To advocate, promote and maintain the principles of Republicanism as enunciated by the Republican party; to direct and interest in politics those who have heretofore been more or less indifferent to their political duties; to encourage attendance at caucuses or primary meetings, in order that honest and capable men may be nominated; to guard and defend the purity of the ballot box; to work in harmony with and carry out the plan of permanent Republican Club organization through the county, State and National Republican Leagues; to co-operate with the regular party organization through the committee selected by party conventions; and to perform such other work as may best conserve the interests of the Republican party, nationally and locally, thereby exerting the most potent influence in behalf of good government.

III.—CANDIDATES.

This club shall not be used in any way to further the interest of any candidate for office previous to his nomination by regular Republican convention or primary elections, but shall reserve its force to promote the election of all candidates so nominated.

IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

Any person over eighteen years of age, who is a Republican and in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party and a supporter of its candidates, shall be eligible to membership in this club.

V.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All officers shall be members of the Club, and shall be elected by ballot at such time as the By-Laws may prescribe.

VI.—PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint all committees (unless otherwise ordered by the Club), and have general supervision and direction of the work of the Club.

VII.—VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President, and assume all the duties of that office in case of the President's non-residence, resignation, or death.

VIII.—SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Club, send to the County and State Republican Committees, and State and County Leagues, the names and addresses of all the officers of the Club; from time to time inform them of the work, progress and growth of the Club; and perform such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

IX.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer will have custody of all moneys of the Club; disburse the same upon the order of the Club or the Executive Committee, attested by the President and Secretary; keep an account of the receipts and expenditures, and make a statement thereof whenever required by the Club or the Executive Committee.

X.—COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committees of the Club shall be as follows: 1st, **The Executive Committee**, which shall consist of the President, (who shall be the chairman thereof), the Secretary, (who shall be the Secretary thereof), and three other members, to be appointed by the President. 2nd, **On Club Room**. 3rd, **On Enrollment of Voters**. 4th, **On**

Doubtful Voters. 5th, **On Literature.** 6th, **On Elections.** 7th, **On Finance.** These committees, except the first, shall each consist of three members, one of whom shall be designated as chairman.

XI.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee will be the governing body of the club; have authority to make all necessary rules and regulations; direct the work of the other committees, and give advice and instruction to committees and members; approve all expenditures. They will prepare a programme of exercises for each meeting of the club and assign performers thereon a reasonable time in advance.

(Here write names of Committee)

XII.—CLUB ROOM COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Club Room will procure, prepare and make attractive the place of meeting, and provide all necessary furniture and such other things for the use of the club.

(Here write names of Committee.)

XIII.—COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

The Committee on Enrollment of voters will enroll all persons who will be entitled to vote at the next general election living in the club's territory.* Including the

*If the club be the only one in an election precinct, the committee will enroll all the voters of the precinct. But if there be more than one club in any precinct, the Chairman of the Enrollment Committee of the clubs in that precinct will meet and divide the territory of the precinct among themselves, by well-defined lines, so as to avoid the missing or duplicating of any name. Blanks for the purpose of enrolling voters can be had of the Chairman of the County Republican Committee. No. 4 Blanks have been prepared for the purpose.

names and address of all voters temporarily absent. The committee will forward a copy thereof to the chairman of the county Republican committee, and will revise such list from time to time, reporting the result of all such revisions to the said chairman. They will take care that the names of all Republican voters are recorded on the Assessor's list before election day, and will secure a copy of such list for the purpose of comparison. They will also make out a list of all unnaturalized male citizens, and forward a copy thereof to the said chairman.

(Here write names of Committee.)

XIV.—COMMITTEE ON DOUBTFUL VOTERS.

The Committee on Doubtful Voters to secure a list of all the doubtful voters of the club's territory.† They will furnish a copy thereof to the chairman of the county Republican committee, and will report all revisions of such list to him. They will see that each of such voters is supplied with Republican newspapers, documents and other literature, and that each of such voters is induced to join the club.‡

(Here write names of Committee.)

XV.—COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Elections will take all necessary means to get all Republican voters to the polls on election day, and see that they vote early. It will also be the

†See foot-note to Section 13, preceding.

‡Blank (No. 3) for the purpose of listing doubtful voters can be had of the chairman of the Republican County Committee, and such blanks should be used. The committee on doubtful voters should have access to the list of voters made by the committee on the enrollment of voters.

duty of this committee to attend to the naturalization of all Republican foreign-born citizens; to take care to prevent fraudulent voting, and see that the election is properly held, and the result thereof properly made out and certified, and to this end will co-operate with Republican challengers. Also to provide means whereby every Republican voter is thoroughly taught how to prepare his ballot under the Australian election law of this State, and to this end will conduct voting schools and adopt such other methods as will be necessary.

(Here write names of Committee.)

XVI.—COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE.

The Committee on Literature will see that the club is supplied with reading matter, with literature for distribution, and that each Republican voter, and every other voter who will accept it, takes a Republican newspaper. Also, will promote the circulation of Republican publications, and especially of the local Republican newspapers.

(Here write names of Committee.)

XVII.—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance will procure sufficient money, by subscription or otherwise, to pay the expenses of the club. The Treasurer will be the chairman of this committee.

(Here write names of Committee)

XVIII.—AMENDMENTS.

Amendments to this constitution shall only be made upon previous notice of two weeks, in writing, and shall require for their adoption an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. Provided, That no amendments shall at any time be made that will conflict with the provisions of the constitution of the National Republican League or of the State League of West Virginia, and be in all things subordinate thereto.

 BY-LAWS.

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1. The regular meetings of this club shall be held
 at.....
 on.....

2. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

3. All by-laws and resolutions shall require a majority vote for their adoption at a regular meeting.

4. The order of exercises shall be such as the club or the executive committee may order from time to time.

5. All officers shall be elected by ballot if there be more than one person nominated for the same office. Officers shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting after the first day of April, and shall serve until their successors are elected and appear at the club.



DIRECTORY.



NATIONAL REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

OF THE UNITED STATES.

CLUB ROOMS, Nos 2-3 Auditorium Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

E. A. McALPIN, President.

M. J. DOWLING, Secretary.

AARON L. BLISS, Treasurer.




THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

OF WEST VIRGINIA.

C. D. ELLIOTT, President, Sulton, Braxton Co.

J. W. KINDELBERGER, Secretary, Wheeling, W. Va.

Address all communications to the Secretary.



REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF WEST VIRGINIA.

WM. M O. DAWSON, Chairman Kingwood, W. Va.

A. B. WHITE, Secretary Parkersburg, W. Va.

HEADQUARTERS FOR CAMPAIGN OF 1896,

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