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THURSDAY, February 15, 1866.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present; journal of yesterday read, amended and adopted.

Mr. Flanagan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention shall draw for seats to-day at 3 o'clock, and that said drawing shall be final for the session.

Laid on the table for the present.

Reports of Committees being in order, Mr. Jones of Bastrop, chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made the following Report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, Febr'y 13th, 1866.

To the Hon. J. W. Throckmorton, President of the Convention:

The Committee on Privileges and Elections unanimously instruct me to report, that they have had under consideration the resolution and substitute referred to them, concerning members of the Convention who come within the exceptions of the President's amnesty proclamation of the 29th of May last: that, in response to the resolution, Messrs. H. R. Runnels, T. N. Waul, John Ireland and J. W. Whitfield have reported to the committee, and furnished written statements herewith submitted: that it appears from the statement of Mr. Runnels that he has made application for pardon, as coming within the 13th exception. The committee are, however, of opinion that he does not come within said exception, the estimated value of his property being less than twenty thousand dollars. From the statement of Mr. Ireland, it appears that he comes within the 1st, and from the statements of Messrs. Waul and Whitfield, that they fall within the 3d exception of said proclamation. The applications of all these gentlemen have been approved by His Excellency A. J. Hamilton, and duly forwarded, but it does not appear whether or not they have been acted upon by the President. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following preamble and resolution, as a substitute for the original resolution referred to them:

WHEREAS, Messrs. H. R. Runnels, John Ireland, J. W. Whitfield and T. N. Waul have been duly returned as members of this Convention; but whereas said members have made application for pardon, as falling within certain exceptions of the amnesty proclamation of the 29th of May, 1865, which have been approved by His Excellency A. J. Hamilton, Provisional Governor of the State, and duly forwarded by the applicants; and whereas it does not appear whether said applications have been acted upon by the President of the United States; therefore,

Resolved, That His Excellency A. J. Hamilton be requested to communicate by telegraph with the President, and, in case

said members have not been pardoned, request that it be done immediately.

Report received, to come up in its order.

Mr. Roberts, chairman of the special committee to whom was referred Mr. Paschal's resolution, reported as follows:

To the Hon. J. W. Throckmorton, President of the Convention:

The special committee to whom was referred the following resolution, to wit: "Resolved, That this Convention will re-establish the Constitution of the State of Texas in force immediately before the first day of February, 1861, with such amendments only as may be necessary to conform the same to the existing order of things, growing out of the late war," have had the same under consideration—a majority of whom request me to report against its adoption, and to submit the following as a substitute therefor, to wit:

Resolved, That this Convention entertain and act upon all proposed amendments to the Constitution which appear to the body to be of sufficient importance, and in their nature required by the present and prospective condition of the State.

It is the object of the majority of the committee, in offering this substitute, to indicate the opinion that it is not expedient to pass any resolution attempting to define, in advance, the limits of the action of the Convention.

Received, to come up in order.

Mr. Gentry offered the following report, in behalf of the minority of the Special Committee:

To the President of the Convention:

The undersigned, a minority of your Committee of one from each Standing Committee of the Convention, to whom was referred the resolution presented by the delegate from Bexar, proposing to limit the action of the Convention, beg leave to report the annexed resolution, as a substitute for the report of the majority of the committee, and respectfully recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the Convention re-establish the Constitution of the State of Texas as it stood on the 31st day of January, 1861, with such amendments only as may be required to conform the same to the Constitution of the United States, and such ordinances as may be necessary to fully organize a State Government, and enable the State to resume her federal relations in the Union.

Report received, to come up in order.

Mr. Flanagan's resolution to draw for seats was taken up.

Mr. Davis, of Webb, offered a substitute for the resolution,

that the members of the Convention be allowed to retain their seats as now held.

Substitute accepted and adopted.

Mr. Hunt offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Condition of the State be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting an ordinance validating and confirming the Acts of all the officers appointed by His Excellency A. J. Hamilton, as Provisional Governor of the State of Texas, the same as though said officers had been elected or appointed in the manner provided by the Constitution and laws of said State, and that said committee report by ordinance or otherwise. Adopted.

Mr. Reeves offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the fate of war having settled the question that the right of a State to withdraw from the Union does not exist, we, the Delegates of the people of Texas, in Convention assembled, seek to restore the State to its former relations to the Federal Government on the basis of such settlement, accepting the same as final, and renouncing the doctrine of secession as asserted by the ordinance adopted March 2d, 1861.

Read first and second times.

Mr. Frazier moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The Yeas and Nays being called for, stood thus :

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Ball, Bryan, Bradshaw, Davis of Webb, Degener, Frazier, Ireland, Jones of Bastrop, Nelson, Norris, Parker, Parsons, Ranck, Runnels, Selman, Smyth of Newton, Stuart, Wilson, and Young—20.

Nays—Messrs. President, Anderson, Armstrong, Beall, Benge, Bumpass, Camp of Goliad, Camp of Upshur, Clements, Dalrymple, Davis of Cherokee, Dickson, Drake, Flanagan, Gentry, Giddings, Gurley, Halbert, Hancock, Hart, Henderson, Hill, Hunt, Hut, Johnson of Tarrant, Johnson of Titus, Jones of Bexar, Lane, Latimer, Ledbetter, Lindsey, McCormack, Middleton, Munchison, Norton, Paschal, Perry, Phillips, Porter, Randolph, Record, Reeves, Richardson, Roberts, Saunders, Saufley, Shepard, Shuford, Slaughter, Smith of Colorado, Spaight, Taylor of Fannin, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Grimes, Thomas of Cameron, Thompson, Tyus, Varnell, Walker, Waul, Whitfield, and Woods—62.

Motion to lay on the table lost, and the resolution referred to the committee on the Condition of the Country.

Mr. Wilson introduced an ordinance ratifying marriages between freedmen and freedwomen, and making legitimate the issue of all such as are now living together as man and wife.

Read first and second times, and referred to committee on Condition of the State.

Mr. Wilson also offered the following :

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be requested to direct their attention to Section 2, Art. X, of the Constitution, and determine as to whether the same should not be stricken out, or amended, and report their action in the matter.

Pending which, on motion, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 16th, 1866.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment ; roll called ; quorum present ; journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Communication from Hon. F. M. White, Commissioner of General Land Office, was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Jones of Bexar was referred to the Committees on Education and Public Lands, with instructions to print five hundred copies.

Reports of Committees being in order, Mr. Hancock, Chairman of Committee on General Provisions of Constitution, made the following report :

COMMITTEE ROOM, February 15th, 1866.

Hon. J. W. Throckmorton, President of Convention :

The Committee on General Provisions of Constitution, to whom was referred a resolution with reference to the intermarrying of white and African races, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously direct me to report the same back to the Convention, with the suggestion that this is a subject within legislative cognizance, and that the laws now in force prohibit such intermarriages, and that it is not apprehended that the moral sentiment of the country will allow a repeal of these laws.

Report received, to come up in order.

Mr. Mabry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee on Apportionment be raised by the President, whose duty it shall be to apportion the State in Congressional Districts, and Districts for the members of both branches of the State Legislature.

Laid over one day for consideration.

Mr. Lindsey offered a resolution requiring the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire of Gov. Hamilton, and the military authorities, what steps have been taken for affording immediate protection to the frontier, and if none can be afforded immedi-