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Murchison, Nelson, Norris, Parker, Record, Richardson, Saunders, Saufley, Shields, Shuford, Shaw, Smith of Lamar, Taylor of Houston, Thomas of Cameron, Whitfield, Wilson, and Young—41.

The Convention refused to reconsider.

Mr. Henderson moved to take up Article VIII, Freedmen.

Lost.

The report and ordinances from the committee on Condition of the State, in regard to the ordinance of secession, taken up.

Reports and ordinances read.

Mr. Hart moved to substitute the minority report for that of the majority.

Mr. Flanagan moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Slaughter, Convention adjourned till 7½ o'clock this evening, pending Mr. Hart's motion.

7½ o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present.

The question pending at the hour of the last adjournment, viz: the motion of Mr. Hart to substitute the minority for the majority report of the committee on the Condition of the State, touching the ordinance of secession, again taken up.

Mr. Gentry moved that the Convention vote upon the proposition without further discussion.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Convention adjourned until 9½ o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

THURSDAY, March 8th, 1866.

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

Mr. Smith of Colorado made the following report:

Hon. D. C. Dickson, President pro tem. of the Convention:

The committee on the General Provisions of the Constitution having had under consideration the power and propriety of a county, city or town becoming a stockholder, or loaning its credit, instruct me to report the accompanying ordinance, and recommend its adoption, in order that there may be no doubts attending the exercise of such power in the manner prescribed in the proposed ordinance:

SEC. —. Any county, city, or town of this State may become

a stockholder in, or loan its credit to any company, association, or corporation, provided two-thirds of the qualified electors of such county, city, or town, voting at an election held therein under rules and regulations prescribed by law, assent to the same.

Read first time, to come up in order.

Mr. Slaughter introduced the following ordinance :

AN ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the people of Texas, in Convention assembled, That in addition to the real property heretofore exempted from forced sale by the Constitution of the State of Texas, *personal* property, to the value of one thousand dollars, be and the same is hereby exempted from forced sale for any debts hereafter contracted, nor shall the owner, if a married man, be allowed to alienate the same without the consent of his wife legally attained.

Read first time, to come up in order.

Mr. Taylor of Fannin offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses ascertain and report what amount of money is actually required to defray the expenses of this Convention per day.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Cherokee, Mr. Norton was added to the committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses.

On motion of Mr. Waul, Mr. Phillips was added to committee on Condition of the State.

On motion of Mr. Hancock, Mr. Bacon was added to Judiciary Committee.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the motion of Mr. Hart to substitute the minority report for the majority, as reported by committee on Condition of the State, repealing the ordinance of secession.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

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Convention met ; roll called ; quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Bexar, Mr. Paschal was excused indefinitely on account of pressing business.

On motion of Mr. Beall, Mr. Camp of Upshur was excused for this evening on account of indisposition.

The question pending at the last adjournment, viz : the motion of Mr. Hart, to substitute the minority for the majority report of the committee on Condition of the State, touching the ordinance of secession, again taken up.

Mr. Burke moved the previous question. The House refused to second the motion.

On motion of Mr. Hart, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, March 9th, 1866.

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

Mr. Spaight, from committee on Legislative Department, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, March 9th, 1866.

To Hon. D. C. Dickson, President pro tem. of Convention:

The committee on the Legislative Department, to whom was referred the resolution in relation to the election of Governor, members of the Legislature, and other State officers, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the accompanying ordinance, and recommend its adoption.

Received, to come up in order.

AN ORDINANCE,

Providing for the election of State officers, and fixing the time for the meeting of the Legislature.

SEC. 1. *Be it ordained, by the People of Texas, in Convention assembled,* That an election shall be held on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1866, in the several counties of this State, for all the State and county officers who, under the Constitution and laws, are elected by the people.

SEC. 2. *Be it further ordained,* That the officers elected under this ordinance, shall hold their respective offices from the date of their installation to the first Monday in August, A. D. 1866, and thereafter for the full term prescribed by law.

SEC. 3. *Be it further ordained,* That the Legislature of the State of Texas shall meet at the seat of Government thereof, and begin their session on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1866.

SEC. 4. *Be it further ordained,* That, in order to carry out the provisions of this ordinance, the Provisional Governor of this State be, and he is hereby authorized and requested to issue his proclamation as early as may be, ordering an election to be held in the several counties of this State at the time, and for the purposes specified in this ordinance.

Read first time.