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JOURNAL

OF THE

RECONSTRUCTION CONVENTION,

STATE OF TEXAS.

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 1868.

At 3:30 o'clock, the Reconstruction Convention of the State of Texas was called to order by electing Mr. T. W. Whitmore, of Smith county, temporary Chairman; and Mr. J. P. Newcomb, of Bexar, temporary Secretary.

Mr. A. J. Hamilton, of Travis, moved that the Convention go into an election for permanent officers of the Convention.

Mr. M. C. Hamilton, of Bastrop, suggested that it would be right and proper to inform the Commanding General of the presence and temporary organization of the Convention, before proceeding further.

Discussed, but no action taken upon the suggestion.

Roll called, seventy-eight delegates answering.

Mr. A. J. Hamilton, of Travis, insisted upon his previous motion, which was put to the House and carried.

Mr. M. C. Hamilton, of Bastrop, put in nomination for the position of President of the Convention, Mr. E. J. Davis, of Nueces county.

Mr. A. J. Hamilton, of Travis county, put in nomination Mr. C. Caldwell, of Bowie county.

The vote was taken by ballot, the Chair appointing Mr. E. Degener, Mr. A. J. Evans and Mr. N. V. Board as tellers.

Result on first ballot :

Davis forty-three; Caldwell thirty-three; Scattering three.

General E. J. Davis having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared by the Chair elected President of the Reconstruction Convention.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Caldwell, Hamilton, of Bastrop; and Monroe, as a committee to conduct the President elect to the Chair.

Upon taking his seat President Davis thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him.

The election of Secretary being next in order, a motion to vote *viva voce* was lost.

Mr. Degener nominated G. W. Paschal, jr.; Mr. Whitmore nominated W. V. Tunstall; and Mr. Hunt nominated J. B. Cassidy; for Secretary of the Convention.

The President appointed Messrs. E. Degener, S. M. Johnson, of Jackson; and Talbot, tellers.

Result on first ballot:

Tunstall forty-three; Paschal thirty-one; Cassidy four; Blank two.

Mr. Tunstall having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected permanent Secretary of the Convention.

Motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Carried.

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS

JUNE 2, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

The President announced that the business first in order was the election of First Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Whitmore put in nomination Mr. Houston Terrill.

Mr. Flanagan nominated Mr. N. W. Hunter.

Mr. M. C. Hamilton nominated Mr. A. J. Bennett.

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. J. J. Hamilton.

On telling the ballot it appeared Mr. Bennett received forty-seven votes; Mr. Terrill ten votes; Mr. Hunter ten votes; and Mr. Hamilton eight votes.

Mr. Bennett having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected First Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Newcomb moved that the Convention proceed at once to the election of a Second Assistant Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Door-keeper and two Assistants; Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks.

Carried.

The President appointed Messrs. Vaughan, Hunt and McCormick, tellers.

For Second Assistant Secretary, Mr. Smith nominated Mr. J. J. Hamilton.

Mr. Burnett nominated Mr. H. G. McDaniel.