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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.

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## 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.

Mr. Ruby nominated Mr. H. B. Taylor.

Mr. Butler nominated Mr. A. B. Coggsall.

Mr. Glenn nominated Mr. N. W. Hunter.

On counting the ballot it appeared that Mr. Taylor had received thirty-seven votes; Mr. J. J. Hamilton received ten votes; Mr. McDaniel received eleven votes; Mr. Coggsall received seven votes; N. W. Hunter received twelve votes.

There being no election the Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

On the second ballot Mr. Taylor received forty-five votes; Mr. Hamilton received nine votes; Mr. McDaniel received eight votes; Mr. Coggsall received four votes; and Mr. Hunter received thirteen votes.

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

The election of Sergeant-at-Arms being next in order, Mr. Patton nominated Mr. Thomas Ford.

Mr. Ruby nominated Mr. E. Wilkinson.

Mr. Constant nominated Mr. W. H. Graham.

Mr. Hunt nominated Mr. J. Read.

Mr. Vaughan nominated Mr. S. E. McFarland.

Mr. Talbot nominated Mr. W. C. Talbot.

Mr. Slaughter nominated Mr. W. Hammitt.

Mr. McCormick offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Convention proceed to the selection of two Messengers.

Mr. Lindsay moved to amend by adding two Porters.

Resolution and amendment withdrawn by consent.

On the first ballot for Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Ford received seventeen votes; Mr. Wilkinson received fifteen votes; Mr. Graham received twenty-nine votes; Mr. Read received five votes; Mr. McFarland received three votes; Mr. Routledge received five votes; Mr. Hammitt received five votes; and Mr. Armstrong one vote.

There being no election the Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

On the second ballot Mr. Ford received twenty votes; Mr. Wilkinson received eighteen votes; Mr. Graham thirty-seven votes; Mr. Read two votes; Mr. McFarland one vote; Mr. Routledge one vote; and Mr. Hammitt one vote.

There being no election the Convention proceeded to a third ballot.

Mr. Degener moved that the President appoint five Messengers to receive the ballot.

Mr. Lindsey moved to amend by including two Porters.

Motion moved out of order under the present rule.

On the third ballot, Mr. Ford received twenty-six votes; Mr. Wilkinson received five votes; Mr. Graham forty-five votes; Mr. Routledge two votes; and Mr. Hammitt one vote.

Mr. Graham having received the majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the Convention.

Mr. Degener moved that the President appoint five Messengers and two Porters.

Carried.

The President appointed Messrs. J. J. Hamilton, S. Hardwell, Washington Norton, James Haynes and Robert Schieffer, as Messengers, and Joshua Johnson and E. S. Wilkinson as Porters.

Nominations for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms being next in order,

Mr. M. C. Hamilton nominated Mr. H. Willis.

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. S. McKee.

Mr. Flanagan nominated Mr. J. K. Williams.

Mr. A. J. Hamilton nominated Mr. H. B. Tichworth.

On telling the ballot it appeared Mr. Willis received twenty-six votes; Mr. McKee received thirty votes; Mr. Williams received twenty-eight votes.

There being no election the Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

On the second ballot Mr. Willis received twenty-three votes; Mr. McKee received twenty-eight votes; and Mr. Williams received twenty-five votes.

There being no election the Convention proceeded to a third ballot.

On the third ballot Mr. Willis received twenty-four votes; Mr. McKee received twenty-six votes; and Mr. Williams twenty nine votes

Mr. Thomas offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That hereafter in all elections the candidate receiving the plurality of the vote cast be elected.

Carried.

There being no election the Convention proceeded to a fourth ballot.

On the fourth ballot Mr. Willis received twenty-four votes; Mr. McKee received twenty-five votes; and Mr. Williams received twenty-eight votes.

Mr. Williams having received a plurality of the vote of the Convention, was declared duly elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Convention.

Nominations being in order for second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms,

Mr. Ruby nominated Mr. E. S. Wilkinson.

Mr. M. C. Hamilton nominated Mr. H. Willis.

Mr. R. K. Smith nominated Mr. S. McKee.

On telling the ballot it appeared that Mr. Wilkinson received ten votes; Mr. Willis thirty-one votes; and Mr. McKee thirty-one votes.

There being no election the Convention proceeded to a second ballot.

On the second ballot Mr. Wilkinson received one vote; Mr. Willis thirty-eight votes; and Mr. McKee thirty-three votes.

Mr. Willis having received a plurality vote, was duly announced elected second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Wright, the Convention adjourned until 3:30 o'clock.

Carried.

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HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK.

Pursuant to adjournment Convention met. Roll called. Quorum present.

Nominations for Door-keeper being first in order,

Mr. Fayle nominated Mr. McKee.

Mr. Newcomb nominated Mr. W. Preece.

Mr. Parnell nominated Mr. J. Mangum.

Mr. Patton nominated Mr. J. Welch.

Mr. M. C. Hamilton nominated Mr. L. Greene.

Mr. Summer nominated J. A. Asbury.

Mr. Lippard nominated Mr. M. Hinds.

On telling the ballot it appeared Mr. Preece had received forty-two votes; Mr. Mangum received three votes; Mr. Welch received eight votes; Mr. Green received four votes; Mr. Asbury nine votes; Mr. Hinds four votes; Mr. McKee five votes.

Mr. Preece receiving the plurality of the vote of the Convention, was duly elected Door-keeper.

Nominations being in order for Assistant Door-keeper,

Mr. A. J. Hamilton nominated Mr. S. McKee.

Mr. Caldwell nominated Mr. L. Chambers.

Mr. M. C. Hamilton nominated Mr. H. Madison.

Mr. Scott nominated Mr. J. L. Nicholas.

On telling the ballot Mr. McKee received sixty votes; Mr. L. Chambers one vote; Mr. H. Madison six votes; Mr. J. L. Nicholas seven votes; and Mr. L. Green one vote.

Mr. McKee having received a plurality of votes, was declared duly elected Assistant Door-keeper.

Nominations for second Assistant Door-keeper being in order,

Mr. Patton nominated Mr. S. E. McFarland.

Mr. Williams nominated Mr. L. Green.

Mr. Stockbridge nominated Mr. J. Welch.

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. L. Chambers.

Mr. Lippard nominated Mr. M. Hinds.

Mr. Bellingier nominated Mr. H. Madison.

On telling the ballot Mr. McFarland received seven votes; Mr. Green received seventeen votes; Mr. Welch received fifteen votes; Mr. Chambers received seventeen votes; Mr. Hinds received twelve votes; Mr. Madison received six votes; Mr. Jones one vote; and Mr. Williams one vote.

Mr. Wright moved that the office of Assistant Door-keeper be dispensed with.

The yeas and nays being ordered, stood thus:

Yeas—Adams, Armstrong of Jasper, Armstrong of Lamar, Bell, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant of Grayson, Bryant of Harris, Bufington, Burnett, Caldwell, Carter, Cole, Constant, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Evans of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, W. Flanagan, Fleming, Foster, Gaston, Gray, Grigsby, Hamilton of Bastrop, Hamilton of Travis, Harn, Hunt, Johnson of Jackson, Kealy, Kendal, Keuchler, Kirk, Lippard, Mackey, McCormick, McWashington, Mills, Morse, Mullins, Mundine, Munroe, Newcomb, Oaks, Patton, Phillips of San Augustine, Phillips of Wharton, Posey, Rogers, Schultze, Scott, Slaughter, Sorrel, Stockbridge, Sumner, Talbot, Thomas, Varnell, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson of Brazoria, Wilson of Milam, Wright—68.

Nays—Bellingier, Butler, Coleman, Davis, Johnson of Harrison, Lindsay, Long, Ruby, Smith of Galveston, Smith of Marion—10.

Carried.

Mr. Evans, of McLennan, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That so much of the resolution this day passed as relates to the election of Engrossing and Enrolling Clerks be re-considered.

Lost.

Nominations for Engrossing Clerk being then in order,

Mr. Monroe nominated Mr. George Armstrong.

Mr. Phillips nominated Mr. Robert McFarland.

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

On telling the ballot it appeared Mr. Hamilton received six votes; Mr. McFarland received twenty-seven votes; and Mr. Armstrong received forty-four votes.

Mr. Armstrong having received a plurality of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Engrossing Clerk.

Nominations for Enrolling Clerk being next in order,

Mr. Harn nominated Mr. J. M. Buffington.

Mr. Ruby nominated Mr. Max Mobius.

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. J. H. Morris.

Mr. Slaughter nominated Mr. Terrill.

On telling the ballot it appeared that Mr. Buffington received twenty-one votes; Mr. Mobius received forty-five votes; Mr. Morris received ten votes; Mr. Terrill received three votes.

Mr. Mobius having received a plurality of the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

Mr. A. J. Hamilton, of Travis, offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President appoint a committee of five to wait upon Major-Gen. Reynolds and Governor E. M. Pease, and inform them that the Convention is now organized, and are ready to receive from them, or either of them, any communication which they, or either of them, may think proper to make.

Adopted.

The President then appointed the following Committee to wait on Major-Gen. Reynolds and Governor E. M. Pease :

Mr. A. J. Hamilton, of Travis, Mr. J. E. Flanagan, Mr. A. J. Evans, of McLennan, and Mr. Wm. Varnell.

Mr. L. Lindsay offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That this Convention, in conformity with the usages of the Nation and of the American States, proceed to the election of a Chaplain, to open the sessions of this body with prayer.

Adopted.

Nominations for Chaplain being next in order,

Mr. A. J. Hamilton, of Travis, nominated Rev. Mr. Renick.

Mr. M. C. Hamilton, of Bastrop, nominated Rev. Mr. Fontaine.

Mr. McCormick nominated Rev. Mr. Edwards.

On telling the ballot it appeared that Rev. Mr. Renick received forty-one votes; Rev. Mr. Fontaine received seventeen votes; Rev. Mr. Edwards received thirteen votes; Mr. Shelly received one vote.

Rev. Mr. Renick having received a plurality of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chaplain of the Convention.

Mr. Armstrong, of Lamar, offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the rules adopted by the Convention of 1866 be adopted by this Convention for its government; and that ninety copies of said rules be ordered to be printed for the use of this Convention.

Mr. Evans, of McLennan, offered the following amendment :

*Resolved*, that the President appoint three members of this body to report rules for its government, and to report said rules in the morning.

Resolution as amended was adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Evans, Armstrong of Lamar, and Lindsey, as Committee on Rules.

On motion of Mr. Sumner, of Grayson, the Convention adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,  
JUNE 3, 1868.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by Chaplain. Journal of yesterday read, amended and adopted.

Mr. Patton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Sergeant-at-Arms forthwith arrange the desks and seats in this hall, and with the Secretary, number the same, and have them drawn for by the members.

Mr. Armstrong, of Lamar, offered the following substitute:

*Resolved*, That the seats in the Convention be numbered and drawn for, under the direction of the President, at 11 o'clock to-day.

The substitute was adopted.

Mr. Hamilton, of Travis, chairman of a special committee appointed to wait upon Major-General Reynolds and Governor E. M. Pease, and inform them that the Convention had completed its organization and would be pleased to receive from them, or either of them, any communication they might think proper to report to the Convention, that the duty assigned the committee had been performed.

Mr. Evans, of McLennan, offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the rules and regulations of the House of Representatives of Texas being substantially the same, the organization of the State government in 1845, as far as is possible, be accepted as rule for the government of this Convention, until the Committee on Rules and Regulations can report.

Adopted.

At the request of the committee appointed to report rules for the government of the Convention, the time for making said report was extended until to-morrow morning.

Mr. Caldwell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the President appoint a committee of three to confer with and inquire into the propriety of securing the services of a reporter, to report the proceedings and debates of the Convention.

Adopted.