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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JUNE 9, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr. Vaughan, from the Committee on Printing, reported as follows :

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention.

SIR—The majority of the Committee on Printing, to which was recommitted the propositions for the purchase of newspapers for the use of the Convention, beg leave to report herewith a resolution for the purchase of twenty copies of the "Austin Daily Republican" for each member of the Convention. That twenty copies for each member can be procured at 6½ cents per copy, and that ten copies for each member cannot be procured for less than 10 cents per copy ; said papers will contain the journals and a condensed report of the debates of the Convention, and will be laid upon the desks of members daily at the hour of 9 o'clock, A. M.

F. A. VAUGHAN.

For the majority of Committee.

Resolved, 1st, That the Chief Secretary of the Convention be and he is hereby instructed to subscribe for twenty copies of the "Austin Daily Republican" for each member of the Convention. *Provided*, said papers shall contain each day the journal of the preceding day's proceedings of the Convention and a fair synopsis or condensed report of the debates of the same ; and provided further, that not more than 6½ cents be charged for each copy of said paper.

Resolved, 2d, That the certificate of the Secretary of the Convention will be sufficient to authorize the Comptroller to draw upon the Treasurer for such sum as may become due for the subscription for said papers.

Mr. McCormick moved to suspend the rules and take up the report.

Carried.

Mr. McCormick moved the adoption of the resolution reported by the Committee.

Mr. Hamilton, of Bastrop, offered the following amendment :

"Amend by giving members choice of Republican papers to the

number to which they shall be entitled, and that the Secretary be instructed to order the papers accordingly."

Mr. Burnett moved to lay the amendment on the table, upon which the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Board, Burnett, Coleman, Fleming, Grigsby, Lindsay, McCormick, Mills, Muckleroy, Phillips, of San Augustine, Smith, of Marion, Sumner, Vaughan, Wilson, of Brazoria, Yarborough.—15.

Nays—President, Armstrong, of Jasper, Bell, Bellinger, Bledsoe, Boyd, Brown, Bryant, of Grayson, Bryant, of Harris, Buffington, Butler, Caldwell, Carter, Cole, Constant, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Evans, of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, Webster Flanagan, Foster, Gaston, Glenn, Goddin, Gray, Hamilton, of Bastrop, Hamilton, of Travis, Harris, Harne, Hunt, Johnson, of Harrison, Johnson, of Calhoun, Jordan, Kealy, Kendal, Kuechler, Leib, Lippard, Long, Mackey, McWashington, Morse, Mullins, Mundine, Munroe, Newcomb, Oaks, Patten, Pedigo, Phillips, of Wharton, Posey, Rogers, Ruby, Schuetze, Scott, Slaughter, Smith, of Galveston, Sorrell, Stockbridge, Talbot, Thomas, Varnell, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson, of Milam, Wright.—69.

So the Convention refused to lay the amendment on the table.

Mr. Ruby moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Mullins moved the following amendment to the amendment of Mr. Hamilton:

Amend by inserting "any paper," instead of any Republican paper, provided the price is uniform.

Mr. Lippard moved the previous question.

Previous question not seconded.

Mr. Whitmore moved to lay the amendment offered by Mr. Mullins upon the table, upon which the yeas and nays were ordered and resulted as follows:

Yeas—Bellinger, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant, of Harris, Burnett, Caldwell, Carter, Coleman, Constant, Curtis, Degener, Downing, Evans, of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, Fleming, Foster, Goddin, Grigsby, Hamilton, of Bastrop, Hamilton, of Travis, Hunt, Johnson, of Harrison, Johnson, of Calhoun, Jordan, Kendal, Kuechler, Lippard, Long, McCormick, McWashington, Mills, Morse, Munroe, Newcomb, Oaks, Patten, Phillips, of San Augustine, Phillips, of Wharton, Posey, Rogers, Ruby, Schuetze, Slaughter, Smith, of Galveston, Smith, of Marion, Stockbridge, Sumner, Talbot, Varnell, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson, of Brazoria, Wilson, of Milam, Wright and Yarborough.—59.

Nays—Messrs. President, Adams, Armstrong, of Jasper, Bell, Boyd, Bryant, of Grayson, Buffington, Butler, Cole, Webster

Flanagan, Gaston, Glenn, Gray, Harris, Harne, Kealy, Kirk, Leib, Lindsay, Mackey, Muckleroy, Mullins, Mundine, Pedigo, Sorrel, Thomas.—26.

So the amendment to the amendment was laid on the table.

Mr. Degener moved the following as an amendment to the amendment of Mr. Hamilton :

Strike out "Republican" and add at the end, "provided that the paper of his choice print the journals of this Convention."

Mr. Goddin moved to lay the amendment offered by Mr. Degener on the table.

A division was called and the yeas and nays demanded, which resulted as follows :

Yeas—Armstrong, of Lamar, Bellinger, Bledsoe, Board, Brown, Bryant, of Harris, Buffington, Burnett, Caldwell, Carter, Coleman, Constant, Curtis, Downing, Evans, of McLennan, Fayle, Flanagan, Foster, Goddin, Grigsby, Hamilton, of Bastrop, Hamilton, of Travis, Hunt, Johnson, of Harrison, Johnson, of Calhoun, Kendal, Lippard, Long, McCormick, McWashington, Mills, Morse, Munroe, Oaks, Patten, Phillips, of San Augustine, Phillips, of Wharton, Posey, Rogers, Ruby, Slaughter, Smith, of Galveston, Smith, of Marion, Stockbridge, Sumner, Varnell, Vaughan, Watrous, Whitmore, Williams, Wilson, of Brazoria, Wilson, of Milam, Yarborough.—53.

Nays—Messrs. President, Armstrong, of Jasper, Bell, Boyd, Bryant, of Grayson, Butler, Cole, Degener, Webster Flanagan, Fleming, Gaston, Glenn, Gray, Harris, Jordan, Kealy, Kuechler, Kirk, Leib, Lindsay, Mackey, Muckleroy, Mullins, Mundine, Newcomb, Pedigo, Schuetze, Scott, Sorrel, Talbot, Thomas, Wright.—32.

So the amendment of Mr. Degener was laid upon the table.

Mr. Thomas offered the following substitute :

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing are authorized to contract for the publication of nine hundred copies daily of the journal of this Convention, provided the cost of said publication shall not exceed one thousand dollars currency per month.

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

The President asked that the motion to adjourn be withdrawn for the purpose of announcing the following Special Committee on the division of the State :

Munroe, Chairman; Degener, Johnson, of Calhoun, Wilson, of Brazoria, Slaughter, Pedigo, Ruby, Fleming, Armstrong of Lamar, Kealy, Flanagan, Vaughan, Keuchler, Mullins, Rogers.

Mr. Board asked that the rules be suspended to offer a resolution.

Rules were suspended.

1st. *Resolved*, By the Convention, that a A. P. O'Leary, a blind man, who is without ability to subsist himself, having been boarding with one of the unfortunate individuals who have just been burned out, and is now destitute and in great want.

2d. And that this resolution shall be sufficient to authorize the admission of the said O'Leary into the Blind Institute.

Mr. Burnett moved its reference to the Committee on State Affairs.

It was so referred.

Mr. Burnett moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Convention refused to adjourn.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JUNE 10, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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

The President announced the following communication from the Secretary of State:

AUSTIN, June 9, 1868.

HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention:

SIR: In answer to a resolution of the Convention requesting the Provisional Secretary of State to direct the State Librarian to open the State Library to the members of this Convention at all reasonable hours, I beg to inform the members of the Convention that when Governor Pease came into office, the position of State Librarian was vacant, and there being no appropriation for the payment of a librarian, no appointment has been made.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction for this State, Hon. E. M. Wheelock, occupies the State Library room for an office.

No copies of Paschal's Digest of the Laws of Texas have been purchased by the State, and the Secretary of State has none under his control. There is no appropriation for the purchase of books.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. PHILLIPS,

Secretary of State.

Mr. Munroe, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report: