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Librarian to open the State Library to the members of this Convention at all reasonable hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. MUNROE,

Chairman.

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

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,

June 12th, 1868.

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

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Thomas, from the Committee on Printing, reported as follows:
To the Hon. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention :

Sir: The Committee on Printing instruct me to report that they have contracted for the publication of two hundred copies of the Treasury Report, for the sum of twenty dollars, and a like number of the Reconstruction Acts for the sum of thirty-five dollars in currency.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. THOMAS,

Chairman of Committee.

To the Hon. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention :

Sir: The Committee on Printing to whom was referred the accompanying resolution offered by Mr. Wilson, of Brazoria, relating to the publication, in the Daily Austin Republican, of the Debates of this Convention, respectfully submit that they have conferred with Mr. Longley, the publisher of said paper, and find that he is willing to publish the debates in the two thousand papers contracted for by the Convention, for ~~sixty~~ forty dollars per day, which would increase the price of the papers to eight cents per copy. Mr. Longley, also, proposes to publish the debates for forty cents per square of eight lines nonpareil type. Your Committee are unable to determine, without some definite knowledge of the space the debates will occupy, which of the two propositions the Convention should accept, but are inclined to favor the former, and report back the resolution, with the amendment indicated for the consideration of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. THOMAS,

Chairman of Committee.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to contract with the Austin Republican for the publication of the debates of this Convention, in the two thousand copies of the paper already subscribed to, provided the charge shall not exceed eight cents per copy.

To the Hon. E. J. DAVIS,
President of the Convention :

SIR: The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Boyd, asking in substance, that a proportionate part of the cost of certain newspapers, containing the proceedings of this body, be placed to the credit of the few members who do not desire them, have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that the papers were not purchased for the benefit of members, but for the information of their constituents. In consideration whereof, your Committee recommend that said resolution do not pass, but that in lieu of it the one herewith submitted be adopted.

JAS. W. THOMAS,
Chairman of Committee.

WHEREAS, a resolution having passed the Convention, on the 10th day of June, 1863, authorizing the Secretary to furnish a certain number of the Austin Republican, San Antonio Express, and San Antonio Freie Presse to each member of the Convention; and whereas it having come to the knowledge of the Convention that certain members do not desire said papers :

Be it resolved, That the Secretary be required to take the names of all such members, and forward to the post offices of the counties which they represent, for distribution, the papers to which they are severally entitled

Mr. Munroe, from the Committee on Engrossed Provisions, reported as follows :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 11, 1868.

HON. E. J. DAVIS,
President of the Convention :

SIR: The Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred the following resolutions, after examination, instruct me to report the same as correctly engrossed, viz :

6. Resolution requiring the Secretary of the Convention to order two thousand copies of the Republican of Austin, five hundred copies of the tri-weekly Freie Presse of San Antonio, and four hun-

dred copies of the San Antonio daily Express, for the use of members of this Convention.

7. Resolution, That the President of the Convention appoint a special Committee of Five (5) to investigate the financial affairs of the State Penitentiary, since August, 1866, &c.

Respectfully submitted.

A. T. MUNROE,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

Mr. Degener offered the following Declaration :

ARTICLE ON CORPORATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any two or more persons, whether citizens of this State or not, may associate themselves as a corporation, and upon lodging in the office of the Secretary of State their articles of association, and recording the same in the county wherein their principal office is established, may, in their corporate capacity, and under a corporate name, indicating the object of the association, engage in any kind of business, with the same powers as a natural person, a citizen of this State. The articles of association shall define the object and powers of the corporation, its duration, the mode of conducting the business, and the individual liability of its members.

SEC. 2. Any such corporation established for the purpose of constructing railroads, may acquire land needed for that purpose, by designating the same to the Governor of the State, if the land belongs to the public domain, and by paying to private owners a just compensation to be determined in the manner established by law. *Provided*, That, if within one year after such designation, or appointment, the railroad be not constructed through such land, the same shall revert to the original owner, subject to the right of the corporation to make a new designation, or appraisalment thereof. *And further-provided*, That no such corporation shall construct a railroad on the route before designated for another in actual operation, or on any parallel route, within twenty miles thereof, except at one terminal point, without first obtaining the consent of the corporation operating the same.

SEC. 3. All corporations shall keep within this State an office for transacting business, and original or duplicate books of accounts and records; and the President, Secretary and Treasurer, or assistant officers of like grade and power, shall reside in this State.

The Legislature may require reports of the condition of all corporations to be made and published, and may provide for the examination of their books and business.

On motion of Mr. Degener, the Declaration was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Buffington introduced the following declaration :

We, the People of Texas, in Convention assembled, do declare,

1st, That it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide for the more certain and speedy collection of the fees of the officers of the Courts.

2nd, That the Legislature of the State shall make it a sufficient cause to strike from the docket any cause where the costs of the officers of the court are not paid on, or before, the first day of each term of the court; except the parties shall swear that they are not able to pay such costs.

3rd, That in all cases where indictments are not sustained, the costs shall become a tax on the State.

Mr. Buffington moved it be referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was so referred.

Mr Buffington offered the following declaration :

We, the people of Texas, in Convention assembled, do declare,

1st, That it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide by law and enforce the collection of any back taxes that may be due and owing to the State.

2nd, That it shall be the duty of the Legislature to repeal all laws, and parts of laws, giving time to redeem land sold for taxes. The legislature shall by law make the sale of land by assessors and collectors absolute.

Mr. Buffington moved it be referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was so referred.

The President announced the business in order was the unfinished business of yesterday, upon the motion of Mr. Evans, of McLennan, to adopt the majority report of the Judiciary Committee, respecting suspending sales by sheriffs.

Mr. Evans, of McLennan, in the chair.

Mr. Hamilton, of Bastrop, moved the report of the majority of the Judiciary Committee be re-referred to said committee and printed.

Motion not seconded.

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

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JUNE 13, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Roll called. Quorum present. Prayer by the chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and adopted.