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CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
June 25, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called; quorum present; prayer by the Chaplain. Journal of yesterday read and adopted

Mr. Phillips of Wharton, from the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
June 24, 1868.

To the HON. E. J. DAVIS,

President of the Convention:

SIR: The Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution requesting the committee to take some action to encourage manufactures in the State of Texas, have had the same under consideration, and they unanimously direct me to report to the Convention in favor of the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Mr. Jordan introduced the following:

Resolved, That we the people of Texas, by our delegates in Convention assembled, do in our independence, prosperity and high position in the family of nations, recognize the efficiency of Divine Providence; Therefore

Resolved, That we regard it as our first duty in framing the organic law of the State to acknowledge our faith in one living and true God, and in the Lord Jesus Christ His Son, and in the Holy Bible as a Divine revelation, and as containing the true principles of all just government; Therefore

Be it declared by this Convention, That no law shall ever be enacted by the authority of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which may in any way contravene the plain teachings of the Holy Scriptures.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Phillips of Wharton, introduced the following declaration:

A DECLARATION.

Be it declared by the people of Texas in Convention assembled, That in all civil actions, the time between the second of March,

1861. and the date of the recognition by the Congress of the United States of the existence of a loyal State government in Texas, shall not be computed in the application of any statute of limitation, and that the liability of drawers of bills of exchange, and of indorsers of negotiable instruments of every description, shall not be discharged by any lapse of time between said date, or by the failure of the holder to put such paper to protest or in suit during the period between said dates.

On motion, the declaration was referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

Mr. Fayle introduced the following declaration :

To be inserted in the Bill of Rights.

A well regulated militia being necessary to the safety of a free State, every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms for the common defence. Nevertheless this article shall not be construed as giving any countenance to the evil practice of carrying private or concealed weapons about the person; but the Legislature and municipal authorities within this State are fully authorized to make such laws and ordinances as shall tend to abolish a practice so prolific of strife and bloodshed.

On motion, the declaration was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Fayle introduced the following declaration :

It being the object of all true government to give the largest measure of individual liberty and personal right compatible with the general good of society and the safety and protection of all, therefore

Be it resolved, 1st. That no individual or class of society shall ever hereafter be debarred from the rights, privileges and immunities common to all citizens, and especially those of suffrage and holding office, except aliens, idiots or lunatics and criminals.

2d. That all disabilities growing out of a participation in the late rebellion shall be entirely removed in the year of our Lord 1880.

On motion, the declaration was referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

Mr. Armstrong of Lamar, offered the following resolution :

Resolved by the people in Convention assembled, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to contract for and have all matter printed required by this Convention, and all resolutions and declarations shall be printed after the same is engrossed and laid upon each member's table.

Mr. Armstrong of Lamar, moved that the rules be suspended to take up the resolution.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Burnett offered the following amendment :

Resolved, That hereafter all contracts of printing be made by the Committee on Printing, and that whenever any printing be ordered by the Convention that the Committee on Printing shall have the same done.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the amendment,
It was lost.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the original resolution,

It was adopted.

Mr. Munroe offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That freedom of speech being one of the essential attributes of freemen, that it shall be made a penal offence to disturb any religious or political meeting held anywhere within the limits of the State of Texas, either by threats, insults or the exhibition of deadly weapons, so as to disturb the deliberations of any such religious or political meeting held anywhere within the limits of the State of Texas.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Political or Legislative.

The President submitted a communication from his Excellency Gov. E. M. Pease, recommending the purchase of 3500 copies of Paschal's Digest of the Laws of Texas.

On motion, it was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Slaughter moved that Mr. Whitmore be excused from attending the sitting of the Convention to-day.

Leave granted.

Mr. Patten moved to take up the unfinished business upon the President's table.

Carried.

The President announced the first business in order was upon the final passage of a resolution appropriating \$15,000 for the payment of the officers appointed by Provisional Governor A. J. Hamilton.

The question being upon its third reading, it was read a third time and passed.

The next business in order was upon the report of the Committee on Contingent Expenses, recommending the passage of the resolution appropriating \$200 to frame the portrait of Gen. Sam Houston.

Mr. Munroe offered the following amendment :

Amended so as to read "Father of Texas and American Statesman."

Mr. Flanagan moved the previous question.

Previous question seconded.

The question being "shall the main question be now put?"

The main question was ordered.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, it was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. McCormick moved a further suspension of rules to put the resolution upon its third reading.

Rules suspended.

Resolution read third time and passed.

Mr. Pedigo moved that the Convention resolve itself into Committee of the whole upon the report of the Committee on Federal Relations.

Carried.

Mr. Armstrong of Lamar, in the chair.

The committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Leave granted.

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

CAPITOL, AUSTIN, TEXAS,
JUNE 26, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

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

Mr. Armstrong, of Lamar, presented the following petition :

We, the undersigned citizens, permit and agree that our names may be used in a Convention of the State of Texas, convened at Austin, on the — day of —, A. D. 1868.

Praying said Convention to grant us a new county out of the territory between the Sulphurs. Beginning on South Sulphur, at the Steward crossing, then north *via* Charles Hensley's to North Sulphur; then down North Sulphur to the east boundary line of Lamar county; then south to South Sulphur; then up said Sulphur to the beginning; and said new county to be called "Bourbon," and the county site to be situated as near the center of said new county as practicable. Left to a majority of the voters, and said county site to be called —.

Signed by E. R. Hooten and eighty-six others.

On motion the petition was referred to the Committee on General Provisions.

Mr. Thomas presented the following petition :