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following members: Messrs. Stockdale, Dohoney, Norvell, West, Ferris, Flournoy and Fleming.

The President appointed the following committee, under Mr. Dohoney's resolution on the subject of standing committees: Messrs. Dohoney, King, Brown, Henry of Smith, Moore and McCormick.

On motion of Mr. Moore, a committee of three was appointed to wait on the Governor, and inform His Excellency that the Convention was now organized and ready to proceed to business.

The President appointed Messrs. Moore, Ferris and Holt.

On motion of Mr. Whitfield, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

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## SECOND DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 7, 1875. }

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. John Lovejoy.

The President submitted the following communication to the Convention:

*To the President of the Constitutional Convention:*

DEAR SIR—The "Ministerial Association, of Austin," composed of pastors of various churches, hereby tenders its gratuitous services to the Convention, to open its sessions with prayer daily, and whatever other religious exercises may be needed.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

R. H. WILLENBERG,

President of Association.

On motion of Mr. West, the Convention accepted the services as tendered, and the Secretary was instructed to notify the president of the association of the acceptance of the services tendered, and to return the thanks of the Convention to the association.

Messrs. C. Erhard of Bastrop county, A. O. Cooley of Gillespie county, E. W. Brady of Grimes county, and S. A. McKinney of Denton county, delegates elect, came forward, presented their credentials, and took the oath prescribed by the Convention.

Mr. Reagan, as chairman of a select committee, submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Convention will elect the following named officers, in addition to those heretofore elected, to wit: Two

assistant secretaries, who shall, in addition to their other duties, do the engrossing and enrolling for the Convention, one assistant sergeant-at-arms, who shall, in addition to his other duties, be the postmaster of the Convention, and who shall, when necessary, assist the door-keeper, and one door-keeper

*Resolved*, That the President of the Convention be authorized to appoint two pages, and not exceeding three porters, for the Convention.

Resolutions adopted

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a first assistant secretary, Messrs. Ramey, Graves and Chambers acting as tellers

Nominations being in order, Mr Robertson, of Bell, nominated H C. Surghnor, of Bell county, Mr Cook, of Gonzales, nominated T J Pilgrim, Mr Ramey nominated W D R McConnell, Mr Nugent nominated A. H Hutchins, Mr Abernathy nominated S M Hopping, Mr Cooke, of San Saba, nominated A. H Latimer, Mr Kilgore nominated E W. Terhune, Mr Holmes nominated Fred Cockrell, Mr Chambers nominated J W Lane

The first ballot resulted as follows: Surghnor, ten, Pilgrim, thirteen, McConnell, eleven, Hutchins, ten, Hopping two; Latimer, twenty, Terhune, three, Cockrell, four, Lane, seven, and Beaumont, one

Mr Kilgore withdrew the name of Mr Terhune

There being no election, the second ballot was had, with the following result: Surghnor, six, Pilgrim, thirteen, McConnell, seventeen, Hutchins, three, Hopping, two, Latimer, thirty-six, Cockrell, five, Lane, two, and Beaumont, one. No election.

Mr Rugely offered the following resolution.

*Resolved*, That in all future elections of officers by this Convention, after the second ballot the names of all shall be dropped except the two receiving the highest number of votes

Mr Allison offered the following, as a substitute

*Resolved*, That in all elections hereafter for officers of the Convention, where there are more than two candidates, after each ballot the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped

Adopted

Third ballot—Pilgrim, twelve, McConnell, eighteen, Hutchins, one; Latimer, fifty-one

Mr Latimer having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected first assistant secretary

Nominations being in order for second assistant secretary, Mr

George McCormick nominated Mr J L Cunningham, Mr Martin, of Navajo, nominated G N. Beaumont, Mr Bruce nominated W Shropshire, Mr Gaither nominated Mr. La-Prelle; Mr Crawford nominated James M Speake, Mr Holmes nominated J W Lane, Mr Sansom nominated T. H Jones, Mr Dohoney nominated Nat Q Henderson, Mr Stockdale nominated L E Daniels

The Convention proceeded to ballot, with the following result: Cunningham, twenty-five, Beaumont, sixteen, Shropshire, nine, La Prelle, twelve, Speake, seven, Lane, two, Jones, five; Henderson, five, Daniels, two

Mr Gaither withdrew the name of Mr. La Prelle

Second ballot—Beaumont, twenty, Cunningham, forty-three; Shropshire, nine, Speake, seven, Jones, one, Henderson, one.

Mr Cunningham having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected second assistant secretary

The next business in order being the election of an assistant Sergeant-at-arms, Mr Fleming nominated O J Downs, Mr. King nominated R G Ellis, Mr Ford nominated Capt M B. Highsmith, Mr Reagan nominated Sidney Darnell; Mr. Wright nominated A E Ivey, Mr Henry, of Smith, nominated Crockett Williams, Mr. Robertson, of Bell, nominated J R Hardeman, Mr Wade nominated John Hart, Mr Nunn nominated J F Downes

The result of the first ballot was as follows. Downes, three; O J Downs, eight, J F Downs, five, Ellis, nine, Highsmith, ten, Darnell, fifteen, Ivey, nineteen, Williams, three, Hardeman, seven, Hart, four, and Plaster, two No election

A communication was received from His Excellency, the Governor

Second ballot—O J Downs, three, J F Downes, seven; Ellis, three, Highsmith, seven, Darnell, eighteen, Ivey, thirty-nine, Williams, one, and Hardeman, five

The names of O J Downs and M B Highsmith were withdrawn, and the Convention proceeded to a third ballot, with the following result J F Downes, four, Darnell, twenty-four; Ivey, fifty-two, Hardeman, three, and Hart, one

Mr Ivey having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected assistant Sergeant-at-arms

Nominations for Door-keeper being next in order, Mr Ford nominated W J Russell, Mr Robinson, of Fayette, nominated John Ferrell, Mr Russell, of Wood, nominated W D C Nelson, Mr Chambers nominated William Fitzhugh, Mr Ferris nominated Sam Darcy.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot, with the following result: Russell, eighteen; Ferrell, five; Nelson, nineteen; Fitzhugh, eighteen; Darcy, twenty. No election.

The Convention proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result: Russell, eighteen; Nelson, fifteen; Fitzhugh, twenty-one; Darcy, twenty-seven; Ferrell, four.

There still being no election, the Convention proceeded to a third ballot, and the result was as follows: Russell, seventeen; Nelson, six; Fitzhugh, thirty-one; Darcy, thirty-one. No election.

Mr. Ford withdrew the name of Mr. Russell.

The fourth ballot was as follows: Fitzhugh, fifty; Darcy, thirty-four.

Mr. Fitzhugh having received a majority of all the votes, was declared duly elected door-keeper.

The following communication of His Excellency the Governor was taken from the President's desk and read:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, STATE OF TEXAS, }  
Austin, September 7, 1875.

*Hon. E. B. Pickett, President Constitutional Convention:*

SIR—Recognizing the honorable body over which you preside as the legitimate representative of the sovereign powers of the people of Texas, assembled in obedience to law and the popular will, for the purpose of altering and reforming the organic law of the State, I have the honor, in behalf of the Executive Department of the State government, to tender the earnest co-operation of all the officers of that department, as far as their aid may be desired in forwarding the labors and advancing the purposes of the Convention. Having that object in view, reports have been requested of, and made by, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Treasurer, Adjutant General, Attorney General, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and Superintendent of Public Instruction, embracing such facts and figures pertaining to their respective departments as were supposed to be desired by the honorable Convention, for use and consideration in its deliberations. These reports are in the hands of the public printer, and will be laid before the honorable Convention within the next two or three days. Any information to be found in any of the offices of the Executive Department, not embraced in these reports, will be cheerfully and promptly furnished, upon request from yourself or the honorable Convention.

Feeling fully assured that the labors of the honorable Convention will secure to Texas the blessings of honest, economical,

efficient and free government, I tender the Convention, and the individual delegates, my congratulations upon the auspicious circumstances surrounding them, in the general prosperity of the State; my best wishes for an harmonious and pleasant session, and at its conclusion for a happy return to grateful and applauding constituents. Very respectfully,

RICH'D COKE,

Governor of Texas.

Mr. Flournoy offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Convention thanks the Governor for his polite and patriotic communication, and the members will avail themselves of such information as he has offered, as occasion may require.

Adopted.

Mr. Dohoney, chairman select committee, submitted the following report:

*To the Hon. E. B. Pickett, President of the Convention:*

The undersigned, appointed a committee to consider and report the number and designation of the standing committees for the Convention, herewith submit their report, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following standing committees, to wit:

1. Committee on Federal Relations, to consist of five members.
2. Committee on State Affairs, to consist of seven members.
3. Committee on Bill of Rights, to consist of nine members.
4. Committee on Legislative Department, to consist of fifteen members.
5. Committee on Judicial Department, to consist of fifteen members.
6. Committee on Executive Department, to consist of fifteen members.
7. Committee on General Provisions, to consist of fifteen members.
8. Committee on Suffrage, to consist of nine members.
9. Committee on Education, to consist of fifteen members.
10. Committee on Agriculture and Stock-raising, to consist of fifteen members.
11. Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to consist of seven members.
12. Committee on Immigration, to consist of nine members.
13. Committee on Crime and Punishment, to consist of nine members.
14. Committee on Counties and County Lands, to consist of nine members.

15 Committee on Municipal Corporations, to consist of nine members.

16 Committee on Railroad Corporations, to consist of nine members

17. Committee on Private Corporations, to consist of nine members

18 Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to consist of nine members

19. Committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses, to consist of five members.

20. Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Ordinances, to consist of five members

21. Committee on Style and Arrangement, to consist of five members

All of which is respectfully submitted

E L DOHONEY, Chairman,  
L. W. MOORE,  
GEO. McCORMICK,  
N H. DARNELL,  
JOHN HENRY BROWN,  
JNO. L HENRY

Mr. Lynch moved to strike out from the report "Committee on Federal Relations" Lost

The report of the committee was adopted

On motion of Mr Stockdale, the report just adopted was referred to Committee on Rules

Mr. Martin, of Navarro, moved a recess of thirty minutes, in order that members might draw for seats. Lost.

Mr McCormick moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday, adopting the resolution relative to drawing seats. Lost

On motion of Mr Martin, of Navarro, the delegates drew their seats, in conformity to the resolution of yesterday

On motion of Mr Blassingame, the Convention adjourned until 9 A. M to-morrow

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### THIRD DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 8, 1875. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, roll called, quorum present Prayer by Rev. Dr Dodge, of Austin Journal of yesterday read and adopted