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5½ o'clock, when, on motion of Mr. McCormick, the Convention adjourned until 7½ o'clock, p. m.

NIGHT SESSION—7½ O'CLOCK.

Convention met; roll called; quorum present.

Discussion on the pending question again resumed and continued until 10½ o'clock, and upon motion of Mr. Martin, of Navarro, the Convention adjourned by the following vote:

YEAS—Abernathy, Abner, Ballinger, Bruce, Crawford, Cooke of San Saba, Cline, Cooley, Douglass, DeMorse, Dohoney, Davis of Brazos, Erhard, Flournoy, Ferris, Henry of Smith, Holmes, Johnson of Franklin, Kilgore, Lockett, McLean, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McCabe, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, Moore, Norvell, Nunn, Pauli, Rugely, Robeson of Fayette, Scott, Sessions, Smith, Sansom, West, Waelder—39.

NAYS—Allison, Brown, Blake, Barnett, Burleson, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cardis, Dillard, Darnell, Dunnam, Ford, Fleming, Flanagan, Gaither, Holt, Henry of Limestone, Haynes, Johnson of Collin, Killough, Lacy, Lynch, McKinney, McCormick, Murphy, Nugent, Ramey, Robertson of Bell, Ross, Russell of Harrison, Spikes, Stayton, Wade, Whitehead, Whitfield—35.

SEVENTEENTH DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 24, 1875. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Dodge, of Austin.

Journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ballinger, Mr. Rugely was excused for ten days.

Mr. West presented a memorial from the widows and heirs of Wm. A. Smith.

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Scott presented a petition from members of the bar of Cass county relative to the election of our judiciary.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. King presented a memorial from Charles Montague, of Bandera.

Referred to Committee on Lands and Land Office.

Mr. Blasingame presented a memorial from the Aldermen of the city of Sherman.

Referred to Committee on Education.

Mr. Russell, of Wood, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the People of Texas in Convention assembled, That the resolution introduced in this body, on the 22d inst., by the honorable gentleman from Cook county, recommending the incorporation of woman suffrage in the organic law of this State, be, and the same is hereby, expunged from the journals of this Convention, by drawing a black line or mark around said resolution.

Referred to Committee on Suffrage.

Mr. Cooley offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands and Land Office inquire into the expediency of adopting a provision of the constitution requiring the Legislature to provide for donating public lands to all settlers thereon who have attained the age of sixteen years.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

Mr. Martin, of Hunt, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Adjutant General be requested to furnish this Convention with a list of the officers and men employed in the defense and protection of the frontier from the commencement of the administration of Gov. Davis to the present time; the amount of appropriations for that purpose, and when made; the rank and pay of officers and men; the cost of quartermasters and commissary's stores, *itemized*; cost of transportation from place of purchase to point of destination, with kind of transportation; where forces have been stationed; number of Indians killed or captured; amount of stock recovered, and when, kind and value thereof; cost per head of keeping soldiers in said service; and what troops, if any, are kept by the general government on the frontier; where stationed; and whether State troops when mustered into service are under command of State or Federal officers.

The resolution was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS TAKEN UP, VIZ.:

The report of the majority and minority of the Select Committee on the question of postponing the general election of December, 1875, for members of the Legislature.

Pending discussion of the question (Mr. Johnson of Franklin, having the floor) the hour for the special order arrived.

On motion of Mr. Flournoy, the consideration of the special

order was postponed until the pending business could be disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Whitfield, the main question was ordered, which being the passage of the ordinance reported by the majority of the committee postponing the general election of December, 1875, and for other purposes, the same was put, and the yeas and nays being called, the ordinance passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Allison, Abernathy, Arnim, Brown, Blake, Blassingame, Barnett, Burleson, Crawford, Chambers, Cook of Gonzales, Cooke of San Saba, Cardis, Dillard, DeMorse, Darnell, Dunnam, Davis of Brazos, Erhard, Ford, Flournoy, Fleming, Ferris, Gaither, Graves, Holt, Henry of Limestone, Holmes, Haynes, Johnson of Franklin, Johnson of Collin, Kilgore, Killough, Lacy, Lynch, Martin of Navarro, Martin of Hunt, McKinney, McCormick, Moore, Murphy, Nunn, Reagan, Ramey, Robertson of Bell, Robeson of Fayette, Ross, Russell of Wood, Spikes, Scott, Sessions, Stockdale, Whitehead, Wright, Whitfield, West—56.

NAYS—Abner, Ballinger, Bruce, Cline, Cooley, Douglass, Dohoney, Davis of Wharton, Flanagan, Henry of Smith, King, Lockett, McCabe, Morris, Mills, Mitchell, Norvell, Nugent, Paul, Reynolds, Russell of Harrison, Smith, Stayton, Wade, Waelder—25.

Pending call of the roll, Messrs. German and Sansom asked to be excused from voting, being interested in the question.

Excused.

Mr. Flournoy moved to reconsider the vote just taken and to lay the motion on the table.

Carried.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the special order, viz: The Legislative Department, as reported by the committee.

Mr. Waelder moved that the Convention go into Committee of the Whole on the pending question, and that he be excused from acting as chairman of the Committee.

Carried.

The Convention went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. Stockdale, chairman.

The committee arose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

Report adopted.

Mr. Brown offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the ordinance this day passed by this Conven-

tion, entitled "An ordinance postponing the general election of December, A. D. 1875, and for other purposes," shall be duly enrolled, signed by the President of the Convention, countersigned by the secretary, and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State; and that the President of the Convention is hereby instructed to inform the Governor of such action, and report the fact back to the Convention to be entered of record on its journals.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. McCormick, the use of the hall was granted to Mr. Mood, of Georgetown, to deliver a lecture.

On motion of Mr. Russell, of Harris, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

EIGHTEENTH DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 25, 1875. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present. Prayer by the Rev. R. H. Wilenburg, of Austin.

Journals of yesterday were read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Killgore, Mr. Flanagan was excused from attendance on the Convention until October 4th, proximo.

Mr. Stockdale presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Wilson county in regard to legislative apportionment.

Referred to Committee on Legislative Apportionment.

On motion of Mr. Whitfield, Mr. Brown was added to Committee on General Provisions.

Mr. Martin, of Navarro, reported as follows:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
AUSTIN, September 24, 1875. }

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

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution to inquire into the expediency of inserting a provision in the constitution, authorizing the Legislature to enact local or special laws for the different sections of the State, in reference to fences for agriculture and stock-raising, have had the same under careful consideration, and instruct me to report the accompanying resolution, and recommend its adoption.

MARTON MARTIN, Chairman.

Resolved, That the following section be incorporated in the