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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.

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### 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

constitution, in the article relating to the legislative department:

“Sec. —.The Legislature shall pass general laws authorizing any county in the State, by a vote of two-thirds of the qualified voters, voting at any general election, to adopt a fence system in such county for the protection of farmers and stock-raisers.”

Laid over to come up under the rule.

Mr. Whitfield made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, September 25, 1875. }

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

Your committee, to whom was referred a memorial of certain citizens of Grayson county, beg leave to return said memorial to your honorable body, and request that it be referred to the Committee on Suffrage, as it is more appropriate matter for that committee.

Yours respectfully,

J. W. WHITFIELD, Chairman.

Report adopted.

Mr. Ford submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, September 24, 1875. }

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

The Committee on State Affairs, to which was referred the petition of the people of Georgetown, Williamson county, asking for the privilege of voting upon the question of prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors, etc., have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the following resolution and to ask for its adoption by the Convention:

“*Resolved*, That the Committee on General Provisions be instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring the Legislature of this State to pass a law to enable different localities by a majority vote of their legal voters, to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within certain prescribed and clearly defined limits, and providing for punishing violations of said law.”

JOHN S. FORD, Chairman.

Laid over under the rules.

Mr. Pauli offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the printed report of any standing committee after remaining on the desk of each member the stipulated time, be considered and acted upon in the following manner:

That a certain number of sections of the report be referred to a certain number of members of the Convention (not members of the respective standing committees) for their particular consideration.

That, for this object the President shall assign as many sec-

tions of the report to as many select committees as may be expedient, to learn the different opinions on the changes or amendments to the original report, and to make these as compact as possible.

That these respective select committees shall then, at their earliest convenience, lay their amendments and charges, in writing, together with the original report, before the Convention in such form as to, inasmuch as possible, stop all unnecessary embarrassment of the Secretary, and expedite the work of the Committee of the Whole.

Laid over under the rule.

On motion of Mr. Dohoney the Convention resolved itself into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Dohoney, Chairman,) on Art. . . "Legislative Department," as reported by the committee on that subject.

Committee arose, and through their chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

Report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Mills, the Convention adjourned until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

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## NINETEENTH DAY.

HALL OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, September 27, 1875. }

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; roll called; quorum present; prayer by the Rev. Mr. Philpot, of Austin.

On motion of Mr. Ramey, Mr. Allison was excused from attendance on the Convention on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Cooley, Mr. Waelder was excused from attendance on the Convention on account of sickness.

Mr. Stayton presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Wilson county in regard to judicial apportionment.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Ramey, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed and Enrolled Ordinances, made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, September 27, 1875. }

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

SIR—Your committee on "Engrossed and Enrolled Ordinances" beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and compared "An ordinance postponing the general election of