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Proceedings of the Democratic Territorial Convention.

VANCOUVER, May 13, 1861. The Convention met at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Metropolitan Hall, and was called to order by Major Van Bokkelen, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. Mr. Bagley moved that Mr. Van Bokkelen act as chairman pro tem. Before the question was put, a spirited discussion took place as to the persons who should be entitled to vote. It was finally mutually agreed that the chair should be decided the question, the decision not to be subjected to an appeal to the House. The chair decided that no person not actually elected by the people of his county should have a right to vote during the preliminary organization, and that all proxies should be excluded. The question recurred upon the election of Mr. Van Bokkelen, which was carried. Ayes 18, noes 16. On motion, Mr. Elson was elected secretary pro tem. On motion of Mr. Bagley, a committee of seven on credentials were ordered to be appointed by the chair. The chair appointed Messrs. Bagley, Drew, Biles, Elson, Tucker, Owens and Willard said committee. A motion to appoint a committee on permanent organization was lost. The Convention then adjourned till 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Convention resumed, and the committee on credentials reported progress, asking leave to sit again. Leave granted, and, on motion, the convention stood adjourned till 10 o'clock a. m., next day.

SECOND DAY.

The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by the President pro tem. Mr. Bagley moved that Jefferson's Manual be adopted by the Convention, as governing the manner in which the proceedings should be conducted. Mr. Catlin moved to lay the motion on the table. Considerable skirmishing took place, with some bitterness of spirit manifested by the parties before a vote was had upon the question. Mr. Biles, of Thurston, claimed a right to vote, but the chairman decided that he had no right, that all persons who claimed seats, whose names were not registered upon the list adopted the preceding day, were excluded from participation during the temporary organization. The motion of Mr. Catlin was lost. Ayes 16, noes 18. By the same vote the Convention adopted the question proposing Jefferson's Manual. Mr. Bagley then presented the following majority report from the committee on credentials, which was read by the President: Mr. President—Your committee to whom the question of examining credentials was referred, have, upon a full and deliberate consideration of the subject, concluded to submit the following report. We find the proceedings of the various county meetings to be quite regular and in accordance with the time honored usages of the Democratic party, with the exception of the counties of Clichat, Snohomish, Shoshone and Walla-walla. In the two first named counties there is no evidence that any election was held, and your committee have recognized the principle that a county which fails to take such action as is recommended by the Territorial Central committee, in calling their primary meetings, cannot be very desirous of being considered within the pale of the Democratic party; your committee has therefore decided that the counties of Clichat and Snohomish are not entitled to seats in this convention. The most serious question that has presented itself to the minds of your committee, is the difficulty existing in the Walla-walla and Shoshone delegations, and after patiently investigating the subject, it has been concluded upon, for the benefit and success of our party in the future, that both of the above named counties receive such equitable consideration as the facts in the premises will justify. Your committee have had the pleasure of listening to long and able remarks from counsel on both sides, and from facts introduced, we are satisfied that there are now one thousand or more inhabitants in the section of country known as Shoshone county. With such a vast and daily increasing population, it would be a most suicidal course for this convention to pursue, should we refuse to acknowledge their claim upon this body. In addition to these facts, your committee regret they have to report that the parties representing Shoshone and Walla-walla have threatened to support an independent candidate, or leave the convention, unless the contested seats were disposed of to suit their peculiar views. While your committee would, and do most heartily deprecate any such action as is alluded to, yet the prosperity and success of our party, as well as its integrity and principle, are questions of the highest magnitude, and should not be endangered for the capricious purpose of gratifying the spleen of any man or set of men. Your committee is clearly of the opinion that the future success of our party depends upon receiving the large and continually increasing vote now settling in the mining region of Shoshone county—and in order that the population of that section may not

feel aggrieved or slighted, we have concluded to allow the claim of Shoshone asking for four delegates, said votes to be cast by Mr. Caples, the remaining four votes to be given to Messrs. Cannady and Barron, as the representatives of Walla-walla. All of which is respectfully submitted. J. W. BAGLEY, Chairman. E. H. TUCKER, M. S. DREW, J. W. BILES.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Convention re-assembled. Mr. Caples presented the following report: Mr. Chairman—The committee on permanent organization, to whom was referred the subject of reporting names for permanent officers of this convention, have had the subject under consideration, and have instructed me to report the names of Hon. J. W. Bagley as President, and Messrs. Seaman, Pierce, and Collis of Kitsap, as Secretaries. H. L. CAPLES, Chm'n. Mr. Catlin, of Cowlitz, moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock on Wednesday. Motion lost. Mr. Catlin and Mr. LaDu announced their intention to withdraw. The report of the committee was then adopted. A committee conducted the newly elected officers to their respective seats. On assuming the chair, Mr. Bagley made a brief, pointed and eloquent address, which was well received. On motion of Mr. Gallagher of Pierce, the chair appointed Messrs. Gallagher, Drew, Caples, Fowler and Barron a committee to report resolutions. The roll was then called, and all members answered either in person or by proxy, except those who had withdrawn, as previously announced. The following is the correct roll of members entitled to seats. We italicize the names of those who were represented by proxy.

Clark County—Messrs. Biles, Love, Sohns, Caples, Bozarth, Aird, Gardiner, Knapp. Chelan—Messrs. Bagley and Boswell. Chehalis—Messrs. Melville and Ford. Cowlitz—Mr. Seth Catlin. Jefferson—E. S. Fowler, J. J. H. Van Bokkelen, T. Page, M. Thornadyke. King—C. C. Terry, James H. Goudy, Frank Mathias. Kitsap—M. S. Drew, J. Collis, B. R. Stone, J. Faulk, J. F. Marks. Lewis—G. Palmer, S. S. Ford. Skamania—Henry Sheppard. Spokane—A. J. Cain, by proxy. Shoshone—H. L. Caples, having 4 prox. Thurston—James Biles, G. K. Willard, W. W. Miller, B. F. Ruth, A. S. Yantis, C. B. Baker James Longmire, E. Sylvester. Sawamish—J. M. Elson. Missoula—John Owens. Whatcom—Finkbonner, Kelly. Wahkiakum—Crumline LaDu. Pierce—Tucker, Gallagher, Seaman, Judson, Steinburger. Pacific—Wm. Busey, H. K. Stevens. Island—C. Barrington. Walla-walla—J. M. Cannady, Barron, with two votes each. Mr. Tucker, of Pierce, moved that the name of Mr. Biles be stricken from the roll. Motion lost. Mr. Gallagher moved that no gentleman be permitted to cast a proxy vote for any delegate who had withdrawn, and who was here in person to attend the convention. Carried. Mr. Biles, of Thurston, re-appeared and took his seat amid great applause. On motion, the prominent candidates for the delegateship were invited to address the convention on the issues of the day. Gov. Stevens having been called upon, declined, stating that he was not a candidate at present. Messrs. Lancaster, Strong, and Clark made lengthy speeches, but our limited space will not permit us to report their remarks. Mr. Garfield declined speaking, stating that he was not a candidate, but should be deemed it advisable to consent to the use of his name for that position, he would willingly impart his views and sentiments on national and local topics.

The convention the adjourned till 10 next day. THIRD DAY. Convention called to order, the Chairman, Mr. Bagley, presiding. The minutes of the previous sessions were read by the Secretary, and several corrections made (they appear in the above reports) and then adopted. Mr. Gallagher, as Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following resolutions and moved their adoption: WHEREAS, Our country is torn by dissensions and in danger of dismemberment by its own citizens, and threatened by a civil and fratricidal war. AND WHEREAS, The Democratic party of the nation desires and will promote an adjustment of the present unhappy difficulties upon any basis constitutional in itself, and which is just to the people at large, therefore

Resolved, That a candidate should receive thirty-one votes in this Convention, it being a clear majority of all delegates chosen, before he be declared nominated. The first ballot was then taken viva voce, with the following result: Lancaster, 14; Hyatt, 15; Brooke, 3; Hubbs, 3; Lander, 1; Clark, 1; Strong, 6; Walker, 7; and Garfield, 8. On motion of Mr. Finkbonner, the Convention adjourned till 2 o'clock, p. m.

Resolved, That the present lamentable condition of the country finds its origin in the unconstitutional acts and sectional spirit of a great Northern party, the principles of whose organization deny to the people of one class of States the enjoyment and exercise of the same political rights claimed and demanded by another class of States, thus ignoring and destroying the great political truth which is the foundation of our government and the vital principle of the Constitution of the United States. Resolved, That in the present unhappy condition of affairs our government must be sustained in maintaining the honor and

integrity of the nation, as well from domestic as foreign foes. Whilst we discountenance any armed aggression against the South, we hold it to be our imperative duty to resist the aggression of the South against the government; at the same time we are of the opinion that a restoration of good feeling should be and is the paramount policy in every patriotic heart; to that great object should be sacrificed sectional prejudice and the spirit of partisanship, and we will therefore favor any proposition or compromise which will harmonize the opinions of the North and the South, stay the progress of secession, and bring into fraternal relations the now belligerent States. E. H. BARRON. A motion was then made to adjourn till 2 o'clock, p. m. Lost. On motion, it was ordered that the Convention do now proceed to ballot for a candidate to Congress. Carried. On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was Resolved, That a candidate should receive thirty-one votes in this Convention, it being a clear majority of all delegates chosen, before he be declared nominated. The first ballot was then taken viva voce, with the following result: Lancaster, 14; Hyatt, 15; Brooke, 3; Hubbs, 3; Lander, 1; Clark, 1; Strong, 6; Walker, 7; and Garfield, 8.

AFTERNOON SESSION. The Convention met at 2 o'clock, and was called to order by the President. Roll called; no absentees. The Convention proceeded to ballot, but without making a choice. A great number of persons were voted for, among whom the following were the most prominent: Lancaster, Garfield, Strong, McPadden, Tilton, Clark, Hyatt, Sam Smith, Brooke Mullan, Hubbs, Owen, Barron, Lander, Van Bokkelen, Simms, Biles and Caples. The vote given for each individual could not be considered as indicative of his strength. The 16th ballot stood as follows: Lancaster, 18; Garfield, 7; Clark, 20; Barron, 3; and Hyatt, 4. At 6 o'clock the committee adjourned till 12 o'clock to day.

Resolved, That the Democratic party has ever been the party of the Union, and is now determined to sacrifice on the altar of patriotism all individual interests and past dissensions, and unite as a band of brothers to restore peace and unity to our common country. Resolved, That we co-operate with our fellow democrats throughout the country in their patriotic exertions to unite our party, and to avert the dangers which now threaten the dismemberment of this great confederacy of States. Resolved, That the present lamentable condition of the country finds its origin in the unconstitutional acts and sectional spirit of a great Northern party, the principles of whose organization deny to the people of one class of States the enjoyment and exercise of the same political rights claimed and demanded by another class of States, thus ignoring and destroying the great political truth which is the foundation of our government and the vital principle of the Constitution of the United States. Resolved, That in the present unhappy condition of affairs our government must be sustained in maintaining the honor and

tion be declared unanimous. Motion carried unanimously. On motion, the President appointed Messrs. Drew, Owens and Hyatt as a committee to inform Mr. Garfield of his nomination. Mr. Garfield made an eloquent speech in response. Mr. Barron moved that the Hon. I. I. Stevens be invited to address the Convention. Carried unanimously. On motion, the Chair appointed Messrs. Barron, Gallagher and Owens to wait upon the Hon. gentleman, and introduce him to the Convention. The Governor was greeted with uproarious applause and made a stirring speech of some length, a synopsis of which we will publish in our next issue. He announced his intention to abide by the nomination, and exert all his endeavors to secure a successful issue of the campaign. Mr. Smith moved that the next Territorial Convention, two years hence, be held at Seattle. Carried unanimously. On motion of Mr. Caples, the President appointed the following gentlemen as a Democratic Territorial Central Committee for the succeeding two years: Messrs. Drew, Gallagher, Caples, Barron, Terry, Fowler and Worden. On motion of Mr. Owens, a vote of thanks was unanimously tendered to the Hon. J. Bagley, for the impartial manner in which he presided over the sessions of the Convention. On motion of Mr. Barron, the Convention adjourned sine die.

On motion of Mr. Barron, the Convention adjourned sine die. SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN TEXAS—EX CONGRESSMAN HAMILTON ELECTED TO THE STATE SENATE.—Various sources of information from Texas indicate the unpopularity of secession, and of the wish on the part of thousands of citizens to live under the stars and stripes. Elsewhere the position assumed by Governor Houston is alluded to with the preparations in progress to reinstate the authority of the General Government in Texas. Some of the employees of the Overland Mail Company, who have passed through St. Louis, state that the people are decidedly opposed to secession, and will rally to the support of Governor Houston, or any other leader who will sustain the Union. It will be remembered that several days ago, old San Jacinto and Hon. A. J. Hamilton, late M. C. from Texas, made speeches at Austin, denouncing the State Convention. He (Hamilton) is said to have used language unsurpassed in boldness and fierceness. He proclaimed his intention to denounce the Convention until the usurpers should make speaking a crime. Hamilton dared them to refer the Montgomery Constitution to the people. The most significant event, however, is yet to come. A few days after this remarkable speech—remarkable for the circumstances under which it was delivered—a vacancy occurred in the Texas State Senate, whereupon the Union men brought out Hamilton and elected him by a large majority. This was in counties which gave Breckinridge nearly a thousand majority; and what is more significant, it was where the people daily see and feel the workings of revolution.

Fort Benton Military Road.—The Dalles Mountaineer of the 8th gives the following information in regard to this important undertaking: The operations for the completion of the Military road from Walla-walla to Fort Benton, on the Missouri river, will be resumed about the 10th of May, and the party rendezvous on the Spokane river, near Antoine Plante's, where work in the Bitter Root Mountains will be begun. Lieut. Wickliffe will command the escort to the work, and Dr. Taylor of the army will be in general charge of the Hospital Department. The party go prepared for a period of fifteen months, and will winter in the Hellgate or Bitter Root valley, and reach the Missouri river by July, 1862. The works consist principally in the construction of bridges along the Cœur d'Alene, St. Regis Borgia and Hellgate rivers, and a new location of thirty miles from Antoine Plante to the Cœur d'Alene Mission, in order to avoid the marshy grounds of St. Joseph's bottom. The impression is that the road will be completed for the overland mail from St. Paul to the Dalles by the summer of 1863. Lieut. Mullan has ample funds, and will prosecute the work until the winter's snow compels the party to seek a mild wintering valley. A knitting loom has lately been invented by J. B. Aiken, of Franklin, N. H. It has been invented but a year or two, yet there are now made on the loom more than two millions of dollars worth of knit goods annually in this country, and the introduction of the loom into Europe is meeting with marked success. A family knitting machine has recently been invented. It is no larger than a sewing machine, simple as a case knife, not liable to get out of order, can be operated by a child, will knit homespun yarn, and weave a handsome stocking. Its ordinary movement is at the speed of five thousand stitches in a minute. It can be driven at the interesting velocity of sixty thousand stitches a minute, and make perfect work. It makes a great deal of difference whether glasses are used under or over the nose. Only great minds can bear greatness. It makes small ones giddy.

Proclamation of Jeff. Davis.

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, has, by proclamation, announced his intention of invading the Confederacy with an armed force, for the purpose of capturing its fortresses, and thereby subverting its independence, and subjecting the free people thereof to the dominion of a foreign power; and whereas, it has thus become the duty of this Government to repel the threatened invasion, and defend the rights and liberties of the people by all means which the laws of nations and usages of civilized warfare place at its disposal. Now, therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue this my proclamation, inviting all those who may desire by service in private armed vessels on the high seas, to aid this Government in resisting so wanton and wicked an aggression, to make application for commissions, or letters of marque or reprisal, to be issued under the seal of these Confederate States; and I do further notify all persons applying for letters of marque to make a statement in writing, giving the name and suitable description of the character, tonnage and force of the vessel, name of the place of residence of each owner concerned therein, and the intended number of crew, and to sign such statement, and deliver the same to the Secretary of State, or Collector of the port of entry of these Confederate States, to be by him transmitted to the Secretary of State; and I do fully notify all applicants aforesaid, before any commission or letter of marque is issued to any vessel, or the owner or owners thereof, or the commander for the time being, they will be required to give bond to the Confederate States, with at least two responsible sureties not interested in such vessel, in the penal sum of \$5,000, or if such vessel be provided with more than one hundred and fifty men, then in the penal sum of \$10,000, with the condition that the owners, officers and crew, who shall be employed on board such commissioned vessel, shall observe the laws of these Confederate States, and the instructions given them for the regulation of their conduct, that shall satisfy all damages done contrary to the tenor thereof, by such vessel during her commission, and deliver up the same when revoked by the President of the Confederate States. And I do further specially notify on all persons holding office, civil and military, under the authority of the Confederate States, that they be vigilant and zealous in the discharge of the duties incident thereto. And I do moreover exhort the good people of these Confederate States as they love their country, as they prize their Government, as they feel the wrongs of the past and those now threatened in an aggravated form by those whose enmity is more implacable because unprovoked, they exert themselves in preserving order, in prompting concord, in maintaining the authority and efficacy of the laws, and in supporting, invigorating all the measures which may be adopted for a common defense, and by which, under the blessings of Divine Providence, we may hope for a speedy, just and honorable peace. In witness whereof, I have set my hand and have caused the seal of the Confederate States of America to be attached, this 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1861. JEFFERSON DAVIS, ROBERT TOOMBS, Secretary of State.

POPULATION OF THE MINES.—Dr. Thibado, whose report we published a short time since, relative to the Nez Perces mines, informs us that in his opinion, there will be in the mining districts east of the Cascades before next December, not less than 10,000 persons. He believes that the character of the mines will justify that amount of population to go there, basing their hopes upon the business connected with mining. The Dr. has been over the Nez Perces country pretty thoroughly, and been a resident at the Agency for some time, and his opinions are entitled to credit. He says that there are many miners there now who formerly went up Frazer river and traders suffered much from the exactions of men and traders there, who took advantage of their destitution to extort from them the most fabulous prices. They think that if any of those men ever cross their path in the Nez Perces country, they'll get even with them. There now seems to be a fair business principle in full operation in the mines, and the miners themselves seem disposed not to countenance aught so such deportment as will render them a peaceful and prosperous community.—Times.

