

- District No. 59—Bell and Lampasas Counties, X. B. Saunders.
 “ “ 60—McLennan and Bosque Counties, E. J. Gurley.
 “ “ 61—Coryell, Hamilton, Comanche, Erath, Brown,
 Palo Pinto, Stephens, Eastland, Shack-
 leford, Callahan, Coleman, Jones, Taylor and
 Runnels Counties, James M. Norris.
 “ “ 62—Calhoun, Victoria, Jackson and DeWitt Coun-
 ties, A. H. Phillips and Wm. M. Varnell.
 “ “ 63—Lavaca County, J. W. Whitfield.
 “ “ 64—Gonzales County, T. N. Waul.
 “ “ 65—Guadalupe County, John Ireland.
 “ “ 66—Comal County, Dan'l Murchison.
 “ “ 68—Burnet, Llano, San Saba, McCulloch and
 Concho Counties, J. M. Young.
 “ “ 69—Goliad, Refugio and San Patricio Counties,
 L. B. Camp.
 “ “ 70—Karnes, Bee, Live Oak, Atascosa, McMillen
 Frio, LaSalle, Zavala and Dimmit Coun-
 ties, Orrin Drake.
 “ “ 71—Bexar County, I. A. Paschal, Ed. Degener.
 “ “ 72—Bexar, Medina, Uvalde, Dawson, Kinney and
 Maverick Counties, Wm. E. Jones.
 “ “ 73—Cameron County, G. B. Thomas.
 “ “ 74—Cameron and Hidalgo Counties, F. J. Parker.
 “ “ 76—Webb, Nueces, Duvall and Encinal Counties,
 E. J. Davis.

Total number present—63.

No Delegates present from Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11,
 15, 17, 19, 28, 31, 34, 35, 37, 40, 46, 48, 58, 67, 75 and 77.

On motion of Mr. Runnels, Hon. J. W. Henderson took the
 Chair as President, *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. Parsons, the Convention adjourned till to-
 morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 8th, 1866.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to
 order by the Hon. J. W. Henderson, President *pro tem*. Roll
 called; quorum present.

Messrs. Roberts, Selman, Perry, Tyler, Shields, and Reeves,
 members elect from the counties of Smith, Anderson and Gray-
 son, respectively presented their credentials, and took their seats
 as delegates.

Mr. Taylor of Houston offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Rules of the House of Representatives of Texas be adopted for the government of the Convention, until the same are altered or changed by this body.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Webb, the action of the Convention admitting Mr. Shaw to a seat was reconsidered, and Mr. Boyd admitted to the seat.

On motion of Mr. Mabry, the Convention then proceeded to the election of Officers.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Jones of Bastrop nominated J. W. Throckmorton. Mr. Taylor of Fannin nominated A. H. Latimer. Mr. Parsons nominated H. R. Runnells. Mr. Frazier nominated Wm. H. Taylor.

Messrs. Taylor of Fannin, Jones of Bastrop, and Parsons, were appointed Tellers.

Upon telling the vote, it appeared that Mr. Throckmorton had received 22 votes, Mr. Latimer 24 votes, Mr. Taylor 11 votes, Mr. Runnells 11, and Scattering 2.

No one having received a majority, and the names of Messrs. Taylor and Runnells having been withdrawn, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot. Upon telling the votes, it appeared that Mr. Throckmorton had received 41 votes, Mr. Latimer 24 votes, and Scattering 3.

Mr. Throckmorton, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected President of the Convention.

Messrs. Paschal, Waul and Ledbetter were appointed a committee to conduct the President elect to the chair.

Upon taking the chair, the President elect addressed the Convention as follows :

Gentlemen of the Convention:

We have met together under peculiar circumstances. We have passed through a period in the history of our country, momentous in its character, and from which a new era will be inaugurated. As the representatives of the people of Texas, we have been intrusted, at a critical moment, with their most sacred interests. We should act with the purest patriotism, and, in my humble judgment, with a view alone to the future, uninfluenced by past predilections or opinions, and uncontaminated by passion or prejudice.

The period through which the country has passed has been one of extraordinary gloom. It has been a period which has made the stoutest hearts quail, and the purest patriots tremble. I recur to the past with no other purpose than to recall to mind

our situation, and the responsibilities now devolving upon us.

Allow me to express the conviction already impressed upon my mind, that your deliberations will be harmonious, and marked with that spirit which should alone prevail where such great interests are at stake. Let us by our action strengthen the hands of the Executive of the Nation, and, by a ready and willing compliance with his suggestions, show to our national brethren that we are, in good faith, disposed to renew our allegiance to the general government. Let us bury, upon the altar of our common country, all the recent past, with all its painful associations and recollections; and, upon that altar, hallowed by the clustering reminiscences of three quarters of a century, renew our devotions to the Government of our Fathers—a government reared by sufferings, and consecrated by their blood, and in the glories of which we have an inheritance.

Let us kindle afresh, in our own bosoms, and in the bosoms of our fellow-citizens throughout the length and breadth of our noble State, the fires of patriotism that once burned so brightly in behalf of the general government, but which have been well nigh extinguished by the blood of civil war. Let the future deliberations of the Convention show to the authorities of the government and to the American people, that, although Texas is the last of the Southern States seeking restoration, the delay was caused by no fault of her people.

I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me, and am sensible of my incapacity to preside over your deliberations with the ability necessary for such an occasion. I know I shall receive, in the discharge of the duties assigned me, your cordial support. I cherish the hope that our labors will redound to the general good of our own State, and to the promotion of the great interests of the whole country. And, although it is true that sorrow and gloom have filled the whole land, and the smoke of war gone up to the heavens from burning habitations and desolated districts, and every household been draped in mourning, yet I trust that our children and their children may look back to the hour of the assembling of this Convention, and bless it, as one of the happiest and most auspicious in the history of our country.

I hope that our labors will enable Texas to hold up her head once more, and take that proud position among the States of the American Union to which she is unquestionably entitled; that peace, prosperity and happiness, and a fraternal feeling, may be restored, not only to us, but throughout our common country.

I thank you, gentlemen, for your kindness and attention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Secretary. Mr. Hancock nominated W. L. Chalmers. Mr. Jones of Bastrop nominated J. B. Morris, and Mr. Henderson nominated A. Falkener.

The body then proceeded to ballot; when it appeared that Chalmers had received 32 votes, Falkener 20, and Morris 15 votes.

No one having received a majority of all the votes cast, the body proceeded to a second ballot; which resulted in Chalmers receiving 33 votes, Morris 14 votes, and Falkener 22 votes.

No one having received a majority of all the votes cast, and the name of J. B. Morris being withdrawn, the Convention proceeded to a third ballot; which resulted in Chalmers receiving 48 votes, and Falkener 21 votes.

Mr. Chalmers, having received a majority, was declared by the President duly elected Secretary of the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

The names of Messrs. Burleson, Cassidy, Stanley, Raven, R. A. Smith and Burdett being placed in nomination, upon telling the vote, it appeared that Burleson had received 36 votes, Cassidy 6, Stanley 6, Smith 14, Burdett 1, Flournoy 1.

Mr. Burleson, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Convention, upon the motion of Mr. Henderson, proceeded to the election of Door-Keeper.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Dalrymple nominated Levi Pennington. Mr. Middleton nominated Joseph Mangum. Mr. Parsons nominated R. H. Clements. Mr. Taylor of Fannin nominated S. M. Flournoy. Mr. Henderson nominated A. J. Harrell. Mr. Jones of Bexar nominated M. W. Wagner.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot, with the following result: Mangum received 7 votes, Clements 4, Pennington 13, Flournoy 23, Wagner 3, Harrell 11, Haralson 1.

No one having received a majority, the Convention proceeded to a second ballot, with the following result: Mangum received 5 votes, Clements 3, Pennington 8, Flournoy 41, Wagner 1, Harrell 5, Haralson 1.

Mr. Flournoy, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected.

Mr. _____ offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Editors and Reporters be admitted to seats within the body of the House.

Adopted.

The Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 9th, 1866.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment. Roll called; quorum present; journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Messrs. Dickson and W. S. Thomas, of Grimes, A. J. Johnson, of Titus, Bryan, of Liberty, Wilson, of Tyler, and Hunt, of Austin, members elect, presented their credentials and took their seats.

Mr. Henderson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to the election of a First and Second Assistant Secretary, Enrolling and Engrossing Clerk, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Adopted.

The House then proceeded to the election of a First Assistant Secretary.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Randolph nominated Mr. J. G. Wheeler, of Fayette county, and Mr. Hancock nominated Mr. W. M. Gilleland, of Travis county.

Messrs. Parsons and Hancock were appointed Tellers.

The House proceeded to ballot, with the following results:

Mr. Wheeler received 42 votes, and Mr. Gilleland 28 votes.

Mr. Wheeler, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected First Assistant Secretary.

Mr. Smith, of Colorado, presented the credentials of Mr. McCormack, member elect from Brazoria and Galveston, who took his seat.

Nominations for Second Assistant Secretary being next in order, Mr. Henderson nominated Mr. J. H. Herndon, of Travis; Mr. Hancock nominated Mr. George J. Durham, of Travis; Mr. Frazier nominated Mr. J. V. Hutchins, of Travis.

On telling the ballot, it appeared that Mr. Herndon had received 11 votes, Mr. Durham received 30 votes, and Mr. Hutchins received 33 votes.

There being no election, the House proceeded to a second ballot.

Mr. Henderson withdrew the name of Mr. Herndon.

On the second ballot, Mr. Durham received 30 votes, and Mr. Hutchins received 42 votes.

Mr. Hutchins having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Second Assistant Secretary.