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GORILLA CONVENTION!

[FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.] FRIDAY, JAN. 17, 1868.

Convention came to order at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Rodman's motion, of yesterday, to reconsider the vote upon the passage of the resolution creating the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, in order to allow Mr. Hoduet, of Caswell, an opportunity to speak, being renewed,

Mr. H. arose and said that as he did not wish to trouble the House, he hoped the gentleman would withdraw his motion; and it was accordingly withdrawn.

Messrs. Holt, of Orange, and Merritt, of Person, presented themselves, were sworn in and took their seats.

Mr. Abbott, of New Hanover, moved that an election of Sergeant-at-Arms be at once proceeded with, and he nominated I. A. Peck, of Wilmington, therefor.

Mr. Ellis, of Catawba, said that, in order to save expenses, he offered the name of J. T. Ball, the Assistant Doorkeeper, who could discharge all the necessary duties.

Mr. Watts, of Martin, by request of Mr. Ball, withdrew the nomination.

Mr. Moore, of Granville, nominated C. J. Rogers, of Wake.

A viva voce vote being taken, resulted as follows: Peck 82, Ball 1, Rogers 2.

Mr. Sweet, of Craven, from the Select Committee on Rules, submitted a report and moved that it be read in whole and passed upon *seriatim*, and that, except where a vote is demanded, or an amendment offered, each rule shall be declared adopted, without a formal vote.

The Rules were read. Articles 19, 23, 24 and 29, providing a call of the previous question, were objected to by Messrs. Graham, of Orange, and Durham of Cleveland.

The question being put, the objections were not sustained.

Mr. Biel, of Pitt, moved that no one, except delegates, reporters, &c., &c., be allowed to come in the body of the House, except on invitation of a member.

Mr. Ashley introduced the following, as a substitute: Ordered, That the Doorkeepers be directed to allow no person, except members and officers, to come upon the floor, except by invitation of one of the members of the Convention; and in no case shall any such person be allowed to come within the bar, except invited by vote of the Convention.

After some debate, the resolution was finally modified and adopted as follows: Ordered, That no person, except members and officers of the Convention, be allowed to come upon the floor, except by invitation of one of the members of the Convention, respectively report:

Resolved, That standing Committees be appointed by the President, to report on each of the following subjects:

- 1st. On Preamble and Bill of Rights. 2d. On Governor and other necessary State officers. 3d. On Legislature. 4th. On Judicial Department. 5th. On the Finances. 6th. On Internal Improvement. 7th. On Counties, Towns and Villages. 8th. On Corporations other than Municipal. 9th. On Punishments and Penal Institutions. 10th. On Militia. 11th. On Education, Common Schools and University. 12th. On Homestead.

The Committee also recommend that the different standing Committees, as named, shall consist of thirteen members.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

Mr. Ashley offered the following resolution: Whereas, The Committee of 16 was directed to consider the best plan of establishing a Constitution and civil government loyal to the Union; and what was the report now

presented only provides a plan for the establishment of a Constitution, entirely ignoring anything like a plan for the adoption and carrying into effect that Constitution. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed, as soon as practicable, to consider and report upon the best method of carrying into effect the Constitution, establishing a civil government in North Carolina. Laid over under the rules.

Mr. Forkner offered the following resolution: Resolved by the delegates of the people of North Carolina, in Convention assembled, That the Secretary of State be directed to furnish each delegate of this Convention with a copy of the Constitution adopted by the Convention of 1865 and '66.

Mr. Tougee moved that the words "the Secretary of State" be stricken out, and "Provisional Secretary of State" inserted. Adopted.

J. W. Hood (negro) of Cumberland, suggested that it would be better to request rather than direct the Secretary of State to furnish the copies, which resolution was adopted, and the resolution, as amended, passed.

Mr. McDonald, of Chatham, offered the following resolution: Resolved, That a Committee of eight, to consist of one member from each Judicial District, be raised, whose duty it shall be to devise and report some plan to relieve the people of the pressure of debt under which they labor, and which must, unless some remedy be afforded, result in general bankruptcy, and thus add very greatly, not only to present general distress, but operate to the serious injury of all our industrial pursuits.

Mr. Rodman offered an Ordinance as a substitute, which was accepted.

(Mr. Rodman's ordinance provides for a stay of all debts, executions, and judgments, until the Constitution is ratified. It is meant to apply especially to debts, &c., prior to May 20, 1861. Executors, Administrators, or public officers, with their sureties, are not relieved by the operation of this ordinance from their liabilities.)

Mr. Tougee moved that the whole matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole, and made the special order for Tuesday next, 12 o'clock. Carried.

Mr. Durham, of Cleveland, offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sincere desire of the people of North Carolina to restore the State to her Constitutional relations with the Federal government, at the earliest day practicable, upon terms just and honorable, both to the government of the United States and to the State.

2. That, recognizing the helpless condition of North Carolina, and the power of the Federal government to force the acceptance of the terms of Reconstruction, proposed by Congress, it is, nevertheless, the sense of this Convention, that the measures, known as the Reconstruction acts, are unconstitutional, unjust, and oppressive, and that any and all efforts to abolish or abridge such distinctions, and to degrade the whites to the level of the black race, are crimes against the civilization of the age and against God.

4. That the Government of the United States, and of the several States, were instituted by white men, and that, while the lives, liberty and property of the black race should be protected by just laws, these Governments ought to be controlled by white men only.

4. That we appeal to the sense of justice of the masses of the Northern people, to remove from the intelligent people of the Southern States the degradation now heaped upon them, and to consider the dire result to the whole country, if the policy of depriving eight millions of people of the services of their statesmen, disfranchising intelligent whites, and transferring political power into the hands of blacks, shall be continued.

The President decided that the resolutions would lie over one day under the rules; and then, on motion, the Convention adjourned.