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The National Constitutional Union Convention.

NOMINATION OF

JOHN BELL,

FOR PRESIDENT,

Edward Everett,

FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

FIRST DAY.

Wednesday, May 9th.

This body, composed of Delegates from nearly every State in the Union, in opposition to the Democratic Administration, met to-day at 12 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Church, corner of Fayetteville and North streets. The object of the Convention being the nomination of candidates for President and Vice President, in opposition to the present Administration.

[When then venerable looking J. J. Crittenden entered the Church, he was greeted with much feeling and long and continued applause, and when he ascended the platform to call the Convention to order, he was saluted with deafening cheers.]

The Convention is largely represented, and at 12 o'clock was called to order by Hon. J. J. Crittenden, of Kentucky.

The Rev. Dr. James D. McCabe was then introduced by Mr. Crittenden, and delivered a very impressive prayer.

Mr. Crittenden then nominated for temporary President, Hon. Washington Hunt, of New York, who was unanimously chosen.

The President taking the Chair was received with much good feeling, when he proceeded to express his gratitude for the honor done him. He congratulated the Convention upon the character of the body. It called his mind back to the days when our forefathers assembled to give birth to the Republic. Now dark and roaring waves threatened the glorious altar they had erected; we the sons, assemble to counsel together for its perpetuity, and to show the citizens of the country that we must remain one people. We do not come together, he said, as a partisan assemblage—we have no platform but the Constitution.

The great Democratic party he deemed so shattered upon the rocks of Squatter Sovereignty, that no medical skill, witchcraft or sorcery could unite the fragments. We have another party, he continued, who also fight upon a section and abstract issue, subversive of the intentions of the Constitution.

Under these circumstances, the whole head of the Republic has become weak and the heart sick. The duties of the Convention were therefore most important of any ever assembled, and he hoped the spirit of forbearance and patriotism of the earlier days would control the members of the Convention, that they might discharge their duties not fearing the power of man, but trusting to the overpowering influence of God to prosper their work.

Hon. Thomas Swann of Baltimore, nominated Wm. F. Switzer, of Missouri, as the temporary Secretary, which nomination was also confirmed.

Hon. Leslie Coombs, of Kentucky, moved the appointment of one from each State, to nominate permanent officers for the Convention, and that the several delegations select their own member of the committee.

The motion prevailed, and the States being called, the following gentlemen were named as the committee:

- Alabama.—N. W. Sholly.
- Arkansas.—C. C. Dardley.
- Connecticut.—Hon. John A. Rockwell.
- Delaware.—Wm. Temple.
- Georgia.—J. S. Burdett.
- Indiana.—John J. Hayden.
- Illinois.—John Wilson.
- Kentucky.—Hon. John W. Pinnell.
- Maine.—C. B. Jackson.
- Massachusetts.—J. B. F. Smith.
- Michigan.—J. D. Larned.
- Mississippi.—Hon. Thomas Swann.
- Missouri.—John K. Verger.
- Minnesota.—Geo. G. Smith.
- New York.—B. Davis Bowen.
- New Jersey.—J. W. Allen.
- North Carolina.—Hon. Nathaniel Boyden.
- Ohio.—Allen Trimble.
- Pennsylvania.—Col. Joseph Paxton.
- Tennessee.—Hon. A. J. Donelson.
- Vermont.—John Wheeler.
- Virginia.—W. L. Goggins.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the several States represented for the lists of Delegates.

While these lists were being received, the following resolution was distributed among the delegates, and Gen. Leslie Coombs announced that the Kentucky delegation would sing to-night at their quarters, No. 2-8 Barnard's Hotel.

"CLING TO THE UNION."

TUNE—Wait for the Wagon.

Dedicated to the National Union Convention.

There is a right and wrong in parties,
And the right is on our side;
So let us mount the wagon,
And let the Union ride.
The Nation is the wagon,
And the people are its springs;
Every lover of his Country,
For the Union sings—
Cling to the Union, Cling to the Union—
Cling to the Union, and let the faction slide.

This wagon is a noble one,
'Twas built in Seventy-Six;
'Twas driven by George Washington,
Through stormy politics;
With Eastern oak, and Western pine,
And Northern ash 'tis bound,
Palmetto, cypress, cotton wood;
In spokes and wheels are found.
Cling to the Union, &c., &c.

When Webster shook the friendly hand
Of noble soul Calhoun,
'Twas here, upon this wagon box,
They sat in sweet commune.
Henry Clay he drove the wagon then,
And Cass was by his side,
And never did the Union take
A safer Union ride.
Cling to the Union, &c., &c.

We tell the North Fanatics
To let our slaves alone—
And the Southern Fire Eaters,
Had better live unto their homes.
We are all true conservatives,
Whatever may betide;
God bless our glorious Union,
And let it safely ride.
Cling to the Union, &c., &c.

The list of delegations being handed in, several motions were made to take a recess, the hours of 3 and 4 o'clock being named.

Mr. Hunt, of Mo., moved as a substitute that it be until 4 o'clock, which motion prevailed, and the President announced the Convention as adjourned to that hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

This body re-assembled at four o'clock, and was called to order by the temporary President.

The committee on permanent organization returned the following report:

The committee of one from each State chosen to select permanent officers for the Convention would respectfully report:

That for President, the unanimous choice of the Convention, was the Hon. Washington Hunt, of New York.

For Vice Presidents—
Hon. S. R. Hanson, of Maine; Hon. N. P. Wilder, of Massachusetts; Hon. R. M. Ornesby, Vermont; Hon. Austin Baldwin, Connecticut; Hon. T. A. Tallmadge, New York; Hon. P. J. Clark, New Jersey; Hon. J. R. Ingersoll, Pennsylvania; Hon. D. Claude, Maryland; Hon. A. H. H. Stewart, Virginia; Hon. W. B. Gilliam, North Carolina; Hon. James Callahan, Georgia; Hon. J. A. Deer, Alabama; Hon. R. W. Thompson, Indiana; Hon. D. A. Sayne, Kentucky; Hon. E. T. McGee, Mississippi; Hon. John M. Scott, Missouri; Hon. N. T. Underwood, Arkansas; Hon. Gustavus Henry, Tennessee; Hon. J. S. Harrison, Ohio; Hon. J. P. Conroy, Delaware.

Vacancies for other States, &c., filled on arrival of delegations from the other States.

For Secretaries—
S. C. Long, Md.; J. E. Payton, N. J.; E. Clark, Conn.; Snow, Ill.; L. Saltzman, Mass.; J. W. Squire, N. C.; S. Davis, Ky.; John P. Early, Ind.; Adolph Müsser, Mo.; D. Bell, Miss.; J. E. Callender, Tenn.; E. Snippen, Pa.

The report was adopted.

On taking the Chair, Mr. Hunt addressed the Convention as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention:
I thank you for this act of kindness on your part for the honor conferred on me. I feel that I would much rather that the Convention had chosen one more worthy to fill the position than I am, but as you have chosen me, I will try to do my best. There is a large mass of people in this country who feel and know that the Constitution of the country does not take part with one section of the country, which is arrayed against the other in political war. We are Americans, and are ready to stand by the Union through all its dangers, and also to stand by the Constitution of our forefathers, those who fought and bled for the country of which we are citizens.

A few days ago, I visited the beautiful Mississippi river, and while there I was struck with the grandeur of our country, the broad States being on all its sides being loved by our countrymen, and I thought that what God has put together let no man take asunder.

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS.

Mr. Brooks then moved that a committee of one from each State be appointed to be appointed by the several delegations, which shall be instructed to prepare business for the consideration of the Convention, which will doubtless be prepared and report by the hour of assembly to-morrow, Tuesday morning.

Mr. McRae, of Pennsylvania, desired no platform better than that proposed by Mr. Coombs, of Kentucky. He thought, however, that a platform should be adopted or at least some action should be taken on the subject.

The President explained that the Committee on Business, just ordered, would attend to that matter.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the roll of States, when the following gentlemen were named by the respective delegations as the Committee on Business:

- Alabama.—A. F. Alexander,
- Arkansas.—M. S. Kenard,
- Connecticut.—Austin Baldwin,
- Delaware.—Charles F. Colton,
- Georgia.—Hon. Joshua Hill,
- Indiana.—R. W. Thompson,
- Illinois.—John Wilson,
- Kentucky.—C. F. Burnham,
- Maine.—George E. B. Jackson,
- Massachusetts.—A. S. Lewis,
- Minnesota.—F. J. Burnett,
- Maryland.—G. A. Pearce,
- Mississippi.—J. W. C. Watson,
- Missouri.—Thomas A. Harris,
- New York.—Erastus Brooks,
- New Jersey.—Jos. F. Randolph,
- North Carolina.—Richard G. Donal,
- Ohio.—N. G. Pendleton,
- Pennsylvania.—Jos. R. Ingersoll,
- Texas.—A. B. Norton,
- Tennessee.—Baillie Peyton,
- Vermont.—John Wheeler,
- Virginia.—Robert E. Scott.

Hon. E. Brooks, Chairman of the committee on business, announced that the Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, of Pennsylvania, would submit the report of that committee.

This gentleman, then, in a few desultory remarks, stated that the considerations of the committee were marked with the best feeling he ever had witnessed under such circumstances; that their report came to the Convention unanimously endorsed by every member of the committee, after a free interchange of opinion among them. He then proceeded to read the report, its reading being frequently interrupted with loud and enthusiastic applause, and at one point loud cheers resounded throughout the church, the convention and audience all rising—the excitement being up to fever heat.

The report was as follows:

WHEREAS, Experience has demonstrated that Platforms adopted by the partisan Conventions of the country have had the effect to mislead and deceive the people, and at the same time to widen the political divisions of the country, by the creation and encouragement of geographical and sectional parties; therefore,

Resolved, That it is both the part of patriotism and of duty to recognize no political principle other than the Constitution of the country, the Union of the States, and the enforcement of the laws, and that as representative of the Constitutional Union men of the country being in National Convention assembled, we hereby pledge ourselves to maintain, protect and defend, separately and unitedly, these great principles of public liberty and national safety, against all enemies at home and abroad, believing that thereby peace may once more be restored to the country, the right of the People and of the States re-established, and the Government again placed in that condition of justice, fraternity and equality, which under the example and constitution of our fathers, has solemnly bound every citizen of the United States, to maintain a more perfect union, established justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

Hon. John A. Rockwell, of Connecticut, desired to know whether, under this resolution of Mr. Brooks, it would admit of a portion of a State delegation, in the absence of a part of the delegation, casting the entire vote of the State? If so, he could not sustain it.

Several delegates here attempted to submit resolutions upon the subject, the most of which were resolved with cries of "That won't do," &c.

Hon. W. L. Goggins, of Va., offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the Chairman of each delegation shall cast the vote of his State for each delegate from such State in such way as he may be instructed by the delegate entitled to vote, and when there is not a full representation from any State, then a majority of such delegation shall decide how the vote of the district unrepresented shall be cast, and when there shall be two delegates from a district who cannot agree, each of such delegates shall be entitled to half a vote.

A number of gentlemen here attempted to speak and loud cries of question, and applause.

Hon. John A. Rockwell at last gained the floor, and protested against the vote of any gentleman, unless he was actually here. He would not agree to an absentee being voted by those present.

The President here, amid cries of question, stated the question before the house to be on the amendment offered by Mr. Brooks, which was lost by a large vote.

A vote was then taken on the amendment of Mr. Goggins, which was adopted; and the resolution of the committee, thus amended, was passed.

Mr. S. D. Smith, of Mo., submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention now proceed to vote for a candidate for President, and that if no nomination be made in three ballots, the lowest candidate be dropped, and so on, each ballot, until a nomination be made.

It was tabled by a large vote.

Mr. Clarence Buck moved, that the Convention proceed to ballot for a candidate for President, and continue so to do until a nomination be made.

The motion was adopted by an almost unanimous vote amid cheers and applause, and cries of "call the roll."

Brooks, of N. Y.; Rockwell, of Conn.; Watson, of Miss.; and Pickett, of Tenn., being appointed tellers by the President.

Hon. Leslie Coombs, of Ky., deemed before the vote was taken to make a practical suggestion from an experience of seven hundred years—more or less—that to save time, instead of voting by ballot, as though we were in a den of thieves, the tellers collect the ballots and read them out.

The President answered that such provisions had already been made.

Hon. Mr. Swann, of Maryland, as the vote was about being taken, asked leave for the Maryland delegation to retire for consultation for the space of fifteen minutes, which was granted.

Mr. T. Barnett, of Minnesota, stated that he was the only one here from that State, and he was a proxy, and he therefore asked to be excused from voting.

A vote was taken, and the Convention decided he could not be excused.

He again made the request, and was excused.

The ballot resulted as follows:
On the second ballot Bell was elected. Everett was nominated for Vice President.

The following named gentlemen were selected to constitute said Committee:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

- Connecticut.—Hon. John A. Rockwell,
- Delaware.—Hon. William Temple,
- Georgia.—Hon. Joshua Hill,
- Indiana.—Hon. R. W. Thompson,
- Kentucky.—Hon. Robert Mallory,
- Massachusetts.—Hon. Marshal P. Wilder,
- Maryland.—Hon. Anthony Kennedy,
- New York.—Hon. S. B. St. John,
- New Jersey.—Hon. James Bishop,
- North Carolina.—Hon. John A. Gilmer,
- Pennsylvania.—Hon. Henry M. Fuller,
- Tennessee.—Hon. T. A. R. Nelson,
- Virginia.—Hon. Alexander B. Boteler.

Various suggestions were made as to the next place of meeting of the convention. Philadelphia, Memphis, Louisville, Baltimore, and other points, were named, but the matter was finally referred to the Executive Committee for their decision.

"During the delivery of his masterly effort, Mr. Pool was repeatedly applauded and at the conclusion of his speech there was tremendous cheering. Notwithstanding hard bills were circulating in the county to the effect that Governor Ellis would not be here, there was a large gathering of the people, and we know of many honest democrats who have resolved to support Mr. Pool because he is right in advocating equal taxation and that J. W. Ellis is wrong in opposing it, when all men acknowledge that the principle is right and just."

"As evidence of the practicality and justice of the cause that Pool is now advocating before the people, democrats themselves admit that he will be elected by an overwhelming majority. Since he delivered his speech, &c., we have taken occasion to mingle with the people and we must admit that we were astonished to find so many in favor of him."—Wash. Times.

Democratic Economy.—The Democracy are great economy—over the left. We see it stated in an exchange, that the national debt is now \$85,000,000. When Mr. Buchanan went into office there was \$24,000,000 in the Treasury. He has, therefore, expended \$61,000,000 beyond the ordinary receipts of the government in a little over three years—A large proportion of this sum has been expended in sustaining rotten newspapers, and in buying up mercenary members of Congress.—Reg.

Gov. Morehead.—The Delegates from this State at Baltimore were repeatedly assured of a desire by Delegates from other parts of the country to vote for Gov. Morehead as the candidate for President of the United States. The nomination of Gov. Graham by our State Convention of course prevented our Delegation from giving any encouragement to vote for any one else—though every one knows how gladly, under other circumstances, they would have united upon Gov. Morehead.—Reg. Obs.

Pennsylvania for Bell.—It is generally conceded in Philadelphia, that Bell and Everett will carry Pennsylvania against Newton or any other Republican who can be nominated at Chicago.—Petersburg Intelligencer.

We learn from the High Point Reporter that that town is growing rapidly, there being no less than some 18 improvements in progress.