

T W E L F T H D A Y .

BISMARCK, *Monday, July 15, 1889.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, the PRESIDENT in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. KLINE.

Mr. STEVENS. After the action on my resolution had been postponed till to-day, the Committee on Printing made a report which was adopted, and it covers all the matter contained in that resolution. Therefore I withdraw the resolution.

Adjourned.

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THE PRINTING QUESTION.

A discussion arose on the question of the adoption of the report of the Committee on Printing. Mr. CLAPP moved to reconsider the report.

Mr. STEVENS was in favor of the report.

Mr. CLAPP said: It was claimed that the Files and the Journals would be set in the same type, and that the extra cost of having the two would be very slight. I see that they are set in different type, and the Committee on Printing desire to be relieved of responsibility in the premises. The expense will be twice as

much as it was intimated it would be when this matter was discussed before.

Mr. PARSONS of Morton. I move that all matters submitted under the several heads of order of business, which matter is printed in the Files, be referred to in the Journal by File and name only.

Mr. STEVENS. If the work of this Convention is to be perpetuated—if we are to get a record of the transactions of this Convention, it is of more importance that it appear in the Journal than that the members have the Files. This Constitution has got to be adopted by the people and the people want to know, not only what is going into the Constitution, but what propositions are being made to go into that Constitution. They want to consider whether that Constitution is such as it should be, and in order to properly consider that subject they must have all the matter in the Journal, which will be distributed at least twenty times as much throughout the Territory as if it is simply printed in the Files. The Files are of no use to anybody except for our convenience in debating in this Convention. But the Journal is of use, not only to us here but to the voters of the Territory, in the consideration of this Constitution; and also for the guidance of the people who may be called on hereafter to form another Constitution here or elsewhere. We want to know ourselves, and we want that the public should know, all that is done in this Convention, and the Journal is the place to look for the information. If we must dispense with anything let us dispense with the Files. If the members are afraid that they won't receive their full \$4 a day, and desire to cut off expense in order that they may receive their full pay—if that is what they desire, let us cut it off from the Files and not from that part of the proceedings which are to perpetuate the work of this Convention.

Mr. PARSONS of Morton. I don't know why the gentleman from Ransom should think that we are afraid the amount set aside for our expenses would run short. It may be the motive of some, but I think it is a slight on any member here. I don't think that there is any member here who has this consideration in his mind at all. It seems to me to be folly to have the matter contained in these Files printed twice and then submitted twice to the Convention. I don't wish to be too economical, neither do I wish to be extravagant.

Mr. STEVENS. Under the resolution under which these Jour-

nals are printed it provides for the saving of a certain number of copies for the purpose of binding and distribution, and if the plan of the gentlemen who have been speaking here, is carried out, they will no longer be printed in the Journal. This Journal is now being printed for the purpose of final distribution under the resolution that was formerly adopted.

Mr. JOHNSON. I would like some information, and there are other delegates who would also like some. The delegate from Morton evidently thinks that after the Convention has adjourned the Journal would be made up and printed. The gentlemen from Ransom has the idea that the Journal is now being made up from day to day and a certain number are being laid aside. It would make a good deal of difference which is correct—whether the Journal is now printed from day to day, or whether there will be an opportunity to correct that Journal later.

Mr. HARRIS. The Journal as now being printed is the official record of this Convention. We are correcting and adopting it day by day. No one has any authority after this Convention adjourns to insert one word in it, or take one word out. This Journal is made up from day to day as the records of this Convention, and as such is the only official record, and the bound volumes that are made up will be of this Journal.

Mr. PARSONS of Morton. The supposition was that these Files would be incorporated at the close of the volume. But I would say here if it was the desire to destroy the Files and have only the record of the minutes of the Convention I would withdraw my motion, for I believe the Files are essential to their thorough understanding here, and for the convenience of debate.

Mr. PARSONS withdrew his motion, and the report of the committee authorizing the Bismarck Tribune to do the printing for the Convention prevailed.

Mr. FLEMINGTON. I move to adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and the Convention adjourned.