

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

TUESDAY, August 18, 1857.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENMAN.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The following communication was read by the President, as having been delivered to him by the Presiding Officer of the Body in the other end of the capitol:

ST. PAUL, August 18, 1857.

HON. H. H. SIBLEY, President.

SIR,—The Convention over which I preside did, on the 18th of August, adopt a resolution for the appointment of a Committee to confer with a similar Committee of the Convention over which you preside, to consider and agree upon, if practicable, and report some plan by which the two bodies can unite upon a single Constitution, to be submitted to the people.

“In pursuance of said resolution, I have appointed Messrs. Galbraith, McClure, Aldrich, Stannard and Wilson such Committee, and would respectfully ask the appointment of a similar Committee on the part of the Convention over which you preside.

“Yours, most respectfully,

“ST. A. D. BALCOMBE, President.”

On motion of Mr. GORMAN, the Convention took a recess of one hour.

After the recess had expired, the Convention was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Mr. A. E. AMES offered the following resolution:

“Resolved, That the President of this Convention is hereby authorized to appoint a Committee of five to confer with a Committee appointed by the Convention holding sessions in the Representative Hall of this Capitol, upon the subject designated in the communication just received, and that the President is hereby authorized to communicate the action of this Convention to the Convention over which the Hon. Mr. Balcombe presides.”

On motion of Mr. GORMAN, the previous question was ordered. And the yeas and nays being called for and ordered, there were yeas 33, nays 7, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were,

Messrs. A. E. Ames, M. E. Ames, Armstrong, Becker, Burns, Burwell, Brown, Curtis, Chase, Emmett, Flandrau, Gorman, Gilman,

Holcombe, Kingsbury, Keegan, Leonard, Lashelle, Murray, McGrorty, McFetridge, McMahan, Norris, Nash, Prince, Sanderson, Sherburne, Stacey, Shepley, Swan, Tuttle, Warner and Mr. President—33.

Those who voted in the negative were,

Messrs. Baker, Barrett, Day, Setzer, Taylor, Ten Voorde and Wait—7.

So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. A. E. AMES presented the following report:

Your Committee on Enrollment report, as correctly engrossed, the following Article to wit:

“Judicial.”

A. E. AMES, }
J. H. SWAN, } Committee.

The PRESIDENT appointed the following gentlemen the Committee pursuant to the resolution adopted this day, to wit:

Messrs. GORMAN, BROWN, HOLCOMBE, SHERBURNE and KINGSBURY.

On motion of Mr. CHASE, the Convention adjourned until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2½ O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Mr. Stacey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention adjourn finally on Thursday, the 20th instant, at one o'clock, P. M.

Which resolution was adopted.

Mr. A. E. AMES presented the following report:

“Your Committee on Enrollment, report as correctly engrossed, the following Article, to wit:

“Counties and Townships, School Funds, Education and Science.

A. E. AMES, }
C. J. BUTLER, } Committee.”

Mr. CURTIS, on leave, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of a Convention in session in the other wing of this Capitol, be instructed, that if they fail to come to an agreement with that Committee as to a plan for submitting but one Constitution to the people, that they endeavor to agree upon a plan for submitting two Constitutions upon the same day to the people.”

Which resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. WARNER, the Convention adjourned.

H. H. SIBLEY, President.

Attest:

J. J. NOAH, Secretary.

THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 19, 1857.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. PENMAN.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. GORMAN gave notice that he would move a re-consideration of the Resolution by which the Convention agreed to adjourn on Thursday at 1 o'clock.

Mr. BECKER submitted the following clause, and moved that the same be referred to the Committee on "Miscellaneous Subjects," with instructions to report upon the propriety of the same :

"4th. The Legislature shall prescribe a uniform system of administering an oath or affirmation, and no other form shall be deemed binding or obligatory, on conscience,—Provided no person shall be compelled to swear in any form inconsistent with their conscience, but shall be permitted in that form most consistent with their belief."

Which motion was carried.

Mr. SHERBURNE gave notice that Mr. BAKER would not attend the Convention further.

On motion of Mr. GORMAN, the Convention took a recess for one hour.

After the recess had expired, the Convention was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

Mr. FLANDRAU offered the following resolution :

"Resolved, That the question of the Boundary Line of the State be submitted to the people at the same time with the Constitution, as a separate and distinct question, to be voted upon separately ; that said submission be in the following form, to wit :

"The State of Minnesota shall be bounded as follows : Beginning in the main channel of the Missouri River, at a point where the line of 45 deg. 30 min. north latitude crosses the same ; thence