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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

FIRST DAY.

MONDAY, July 13, 1857.

On this day, it being the one indicated in the Congressional Act entitled "An Act to authorise the people of Minnesota to form a State Constitution and State Government preparatory to their admission into the Union on an equal footing with the original States," the Delegates elect to a Convention for the purpose of forming a State Constitution, assembled at 12 o'clock, M., at the Capitol in the Representatives Hall, and were called to order by CHARLES L. CHASE, Esq., Secretary of the Territory and Acting Governor.

Upon motion of Mr. GORMAN, a Delegate from the Second Council district, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, July 14, 1857.

The Constitutional Convention met at 12 o'clock, M., pursuant to adjournment, at the door of the Representatives Hall, which was in possession of a meeting of the citizens of the Territory; the persons constituting said meeting having previously refused to vacate the room, at the demand of the Secretary of the Territory,

for the purpose of using it for the sittings of the Constitutional Convention. This statement being made to the Delegates by the Secretary,

On motion of Mr. GORMAN of the Second Council District, the Delegates adjourned to the Council Chamber, in the opposite wing of the building, where they were called to order by the Secretary of the Territory.

For the purpose of effecting a temporary organization, Mr. BROWN, of Sibley County, moved that Hon. H. H. SIBLEY, of Dakota county, be elected President, *pro tem.*, of the Convention.

Upon a vote being taken, the motion prevailed.

I certify the foregoing to be correct minutes of the proceedings of the Constitutional Convention up to the time of the election of Hon. H. H. SIBLEY, as President *pro tem.*

CHARLES L. CHASE,

Secretary Min. Ter.

The PRESIDENT upon taking his seat, returned thanks to the Convention for the honor conferred upon him, in an appropriate speech.

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, Mr. R. F. HOUSEWORTH, was elected Secretary, *pro tem.*, of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. MEEKER, of St. Anthony, Mr. E. L. HALL, was elected Assistant Secretary, *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. BROWN, Mr. F. ORTHWEIN was elected Sergeant at Arms, *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. KEEGAN, Mr. HUGH GARRITY was elected Messenger, *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. MURRAY, the Secretary was instructed to procure an official copy of the "Enabling Act," and to read the same.

The Secretary then read the act authorising the people of the Territory of Minnesota to form a State Constitution.

On motion of Mr. A. E. AMES, of Hennepin county, a committee of five was appointed to examine the credentials of members and report to the Convention.

The Chair appointed as such committee, Mr. AMES of Hennepin county, Mr. BROWN of Sibley county, Mr. NORTH of Rice county, Mr. NORRIS of Washington county, and Mr. THOMPSON of Houston county.

On motion of Mr. BROWN, the Rules of the last House of Representatives, so far as applicable, were adopted for the temporary government of the Convention.

On motion, the Secretary was then instructed to call the roll of the Districts, in order that Delegates might come forward and de-

posit their credentials with the Secretary, to be by him delivered to the Committee on Credentials.

The roll of Districts was then called, when the Delegates came forward and deposited their credentials with the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. BECKER, of Ramsey county, Delegates to the Convention now absent from their seats, were empowered to deliver their credentials to the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, or to any member thereof, to be by them reported to the Convention.

On motion of Mr. BECKER, the Convention then adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock M.

H. H. SIBLEY,

President *pro tem.*

Attest :

R. F. HOUSEWORTH, Secretary, *pro tem.*

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, July 15, 1857.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment at 12 M., and was called to order by the President *pro tem.*

Journal of the preceding days read and approved.

The President stated the first business in order was the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. SHEPLEY of Stearns county, presented the credentials of H. C. WAIT, a member elect of the Convention, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. BROWN moved the Committee on Credentials have until Monday next, in which to make their report—Carried.

Mr. BECKER introduced the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Territory be requested to furnish the Committee on Credentials with an abstract of the returns of the Election for Delegates to this body, showing the names of the members elect, and the vote cast in each Council District."

Mr. FLANDRAU moved that the Territorial Printer be directed to print 150 copies of the Rules of the last House of Representatives, for the use of this body—Adopted.

Mr. AMES moved that the Secretary of the Convention be in-