

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

The Democratic State Convention to appoint Delegates to the Baltimore Convention, Presidential Electors, and to nominate a candidate for Canal Commissioner, assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 11 1/2 o'clock, A. M., on the 4th inst., when on motion, Hon. Wm. S. Ross, of Luzerne, was appointed chairman for the purpose of temporary organization. Geo. R. McFarlane, and others were appointed Secretaries.

The list of Delegates were then called over, and the Convention proceeded to hear the contestants from the 14th and 20th Districts.

On motion the chair appointed a committee of one from each Senatorial district to report officers for the permanent organization of the Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the Chairman.

The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the contested seats in the Lycoming, Clinton and Sullivan districts.

The credentials of Mr. Dietrich, certifying to his appointment by the conferees of Lycoming and Sullivan counties were read.

It was moved that A. J. Dietrich be admitted to his seat.

To amend by admitting John Neff. To amend the amendment by inserting 'to admit the delegate whose credentials are signed by the conferees from Lycoming and Sullivan.'

Mr. Dietrich was then heard. Mr. Neff was then heard. And after further discussion the ayes and noes were called and resulted, ayes 92, noes 34.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the claims of the contestants from Columbia and Montour counties.

The proceedings of the conference were read on the part of Mr. Sproule, the contestant from Montour.

Mr. McReynolds, the contestant from Columbia county, presented his credentials.

Mr. Spool addressed the Convention, when it was moved that both delegates take their seat. To amend the amendment that both delegates be rejected.

The motion was withdrawn when it was again moved that Mr. McReynolds take his seat, moved to amend that both be rejected; amendment to the amendment that the delegate whose credentials are signed by the conferees from Columbia county be admitted, which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended adopted.

The Committee to report officers for the permanent organization of the Convention reported the following:

For President.—The Hon. WILLIAM HOPKINS, of Washington county.
For Vice Presidents.—D. W. WAGNER, of Northampton; ARNOLD PLUMER, of Venango.

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENTS.
1st. Miles Sweeney of Philadelphia co.
2d. G. W. Boman, Philadelphia city.
3rd. Michael Arnold, Philadelphia co.
4th. John S. Nichols, do do
5th. George W. Jacoby, Montgomery.
6th. Wm. Fry, Lehigh.
7th. Major M. Veagh, Chester.
8th. James Patterson, Lancaster.
9th. John S. Schroeder, Berks.
10th. H. B. Beardsley, Wayne.
11th. James W. Rhoads, Luzerne.
12th. John F. Means, Bradford.
13th. John V. Barber, Union.
14th. C. M. Hall, Schuylkill.
15th. Adam Ebaugh, York.
16th. Joel B. Danner, Adams.
17th. David Bates, Mifflin.
18th. Maxwell M'Caslin, Greene.
19th. Hon. Philip Noon, Cambria.
20th. David Boice, Beaver.
21st. Col. H. M'Callough, Allegheny.
22d. Andrew Buchanan, Lawrence.
23d. R. Laughlin, Clarion.
24th. Abner Kelley, Indiana.

SECRETARIES.
Smith Skinner, of Philadelphia county, William H. Welsh, York.
William H. Miller, Perry.
George Merriman, Crawford.
R. R. Rody, Somerset.
Perry Baker, Allegheny.
S. S. Winchester, Wyoming.
George Moore, Philadelphia county.
George R. M'Farlane, Blair.
Thomas Craig, Jr., Carbon.
Alex. M'Kinney, Westmoreland.

The President, Hon. H. Hopkins, on taking his seat, addressed the Convention in an eloquent manner.

Mr. Hirst of Philadelphia offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Democratic party of Pennsylvania have caused this Convention to be convened, and have imposed upon it the duty, among other things, of selecting delegates to represent the Democracy of the State in the National Convention to be held in the city of Baltimore, on the first Monday of June next, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, and also of nominating electors to be voted for at the next ensuing Presidential election.

Therefore, for the purpose of carrying into effect the object thus specified, and of fully and fairly ascertaining who is the choice of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania for the chief magistracy of the Union, be it

Resolved, That the members of this Convention do now proceed to vote, viva voce, for a candidate to be recommended by Pennsylvania to the National Convention as the choice of the State for the Presidential chair; and that the candidate who shall receive a majority of all the votes in Convention shall be declared to be the candidate of the Democracy of Pennsylvania.

The resolution was adopted.

The roll was called, when Messrs. Arnold, Baker, Barclay, Bates, Badger, Barber, Barr, Barrett, Berollett,

I. Beck, J. B. Beck, Beardsley, Black, Bowman, Buchanan, Bunn, Calahan, Cloutier, Coulter, Conroy, Coyle, Craig, Danaher, Deitrich, Donnelly, Ebaugh, Eyer, Fagan, Gamble, Gillfillan, Graham, Gillis, Hamilton, Hershimer, Hirst, Hopkins, Hugus, Ilyer, Samuel Jackson, James, Jacoby, Kelly, Kingsley, Laughlin, Abram, Lamberton, W. H. Lamberton, Lippencott, Lightner, Lilly, Lynch, Marshall, Means, Marchand, Magraw, Merriman, Missimer, George Moore, John Moore, Murphy, Murray, M'Arthur, M'Caslin, M'Cullough, M'Grath, M'Kinney, M'Kibbin, M'Keo M'Reynolds, M'Veagh, Niven, Noble, Nott, Noon, Patterson, Phillips, Platt, Plumer, Rankin, Reynolds, Rhoads, Ringwalt, Roddy, Ross, Samson, Selzer, Stambaugh, Stewart, Steckle, Skinner, Sweeney, Vodges, Wagner, Watson, Welsh, Weiler, Winchester, Yost—77 voted for James Buchanan.

Messrs. Achenbach, Armstrong Billmyer, Boies, Clymer, Dougherty, Duncan, Fry, Griffith, T. M. Hill, Hager, C. M. Hall, Hook, Horn, Hunter, Leech, Miller, M'Alister, M'Paul, M'Farlane, Nicholas, Nill, Packer, Palmer, Reilly, Saeggers, Scott, Schroeder, Seagrith, Stiles, Weaver—31 voted for Lewis Cass.

Messrs. Mercer, M'Keane—2 voted for R. J. Walker.

Messrs. Smith Jackson, Stallman—2 voted from Samuel Houston.

One absent, Mr. Roddy, of Somerset.

On the motion that the Convention be declared unanimous for Mr. Buchanan the yeas and nays were called for and resulted as follows:—Yeas 103. Nays 30.

Mr. Hirst presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the candidate of Pennsylvania having been declared in the manner prescribed by the foregoing resolution, the President of this Convention do now appoint a Committee of 24; one from each Congressional district; with instructions to report to this Convention, subject to its approbation, the names of Delegates to represent the Democracy of the State in the National Convention to be held in Baltimore on the first Monday of June next, and for the purpose of advocating with earnest sincerity and zeal before the delegated power of her sister States, the claims of the "Old Keystone Commonwealth."

The said committee shall report the names of 54 Delegates to represent Pennsylvania and cast her 27 votes in that Convention; that is 4 Senatorial delegates, 2 delegates from the State at large, and 48 Representative delegates; and further that no person shall be reported by the Committee or chosen as such delegate who is not known to be the firm friend of the nominee of this Convention, and who feels no other preference, and further, that the said Committee be instructed to report, subject to the approbation of this Convention; the names of 27 persons for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, to be supported by the Democratic Party at the next Election.

Mr. Scott of Huntingdon, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the delegates from the several Congressional districts be requested to report to this Convention the name of one person from each district as a delegate to the Baltimore Convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, and the names of persons to be placed upon the Electoral Ticket.

The amendment was discussed by Messrs. Scott of Huntingdon, Nill of Franklin, Reilly, of Franklin, Clymer of Berks, and Hirst of Philadelphia; on whose motion the Convention adjourned to meet at 7 1/2 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Roddy asked leave to record his vote for the nominee of the convention and leave being granted.

Mr. Roddy voted for James Buchanan and the record was altered.

The consideration of the amendment offered by Mr. Scott was resumed and discussed by Messrs. M'Alister of Dauphin, M'Graw of Allegheny, Leech of Mercer, M'Farlane of Blair, Lamberton of Venango, Barclay of Jefferson, who moved to amend the amendment as follows:

"That the Delegates from each Congressional district report two delegates to the national Convention, subject to the decision of the Convention."

The discussion was continued by Sanson, of Fulton, M'Kinney of Westmoreland. Messrs. Nill and M'Alister called for the yeas and nays, which resulted yeas 32, nays 95.

Mr. Reilly moved to postpone the further consideration of the question for the present, which was lost.

Yeas and nays called by Messrs. McAlister and Nill, which were as follows: Yeas 40—nays 92.

Messrs. Riley and Scott called the yeas and nays on the original resolution—yeas 91, nays 41.

Mr. Scott read a protest against the action of the Convention, signed by 34 members, which they asked to have recorded on the journal of the Convention.

Mr. Hirst moved that the protest be referred to a committee of five persons, and it was agreed to. The Chair appointed Messrs. Hirst, Magraw, Lamberton, of Venango, Yost and Barrett.

The Chair announced the Committee to report the names of persons to serve as Delegates and an Electoral Ticket.

Mr. Hirst, from the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported the names of 54 delegates to represent the State in the National Democratic Convention to meet at Baltimore. Also, the names of twenty-seven gentlemen as electors.

DELEGATES TO BALTIMORE.

SENATORIAL.
James Campbell, Philadelphia.
Samuel W. Black, Pittsburgh.
David R. Porter, Harrisburg.
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The report made by Mr. Hirst was adopted by a vote of 97 yeas to 3 nays—the protesters refusing to vote.

Mr. Hugus from the Committee of resolutions, reported the following:

Resolved, That this Convention cordially approve and endorse the great Democratic political principles embodied in the resolutions adopted by the last National Democratic Convention, held at Baltimore in 1844 and 1848, and believe their strict observance to be not only conducive to the prosperity, but essential to the preservation of the Union.

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The eighth resolution was amended by striking out all after the word resolved and inserting the following:

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The resolutions were then adopted, and the Convention adjourned until 2 1/2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2 1/2 o'clock, and on motion, proceeded to ballot for a Canal Commissioner. The following is the result:—

Searight,	23
Mason,	20
Bratton,	17
Mott,	9
Cummins,	9
Fry,	9
C. Brady,	12
Forsyth,	8
Fegely,	2
Kutz,	3
Creswell,	4
West,	2
Heck,	3
Feather,	2

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SECOND DAY.

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SECOND BALLOT.

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Bratton,	16
Mott,	9
Cummins,	12
Fry,	10
Heck,	3

Mr. Heck's name was then withdrawn.

THIRD BALLOT.

Searight,	54
Mason,	37
Bratton,	14
Mott,	8
Cummins,	12
Fry,	8

The names of Cummins and Fry were then withdrawn.

FOURTH BALLOT.

Searight,	77
Mason,	37
Bratton,	8
Mott,	10

Mr. Searight having received a majority of the whole number of votes polled, was declared duly nominated, and on motion, his nomination was unanimously confirmed.

The Convention then adjourned sine die.

FROM THE PENNSYLVANIAN.

CHECK TO SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

A brief article in the money department of the Philadelphia Ledger the other day, expresses exactly our views of the topics it discusses. Special legislation, it says, will certainly receive a wholesome check during this session of our Legislature.—The Governor has begun significantly, and we trust that he means to put a stop to class privileges that are fast sapping the foundations of our Republic, leaving us little but the empty sound of equal rights. This winter already, is our seat of Government crowded with borers, whose offices, to speak plainly, the purchase of special privileges. Every lawyer that has an important case in Court, which the law does not favor, asks a "supplement, harmless and unintelligible to the reader, and, while general in its style, is really to meet a special and generally an unjust case. We trust the Executive may continue his watchfulness in this particular, and protect the public against this shameful invasion of its rights by careless and corrupt legislation. The sound rule is, to pass no laws that cannot be proved necessary to the public good, and to arrest all legislation for purposes not clearly having this sole object in view. The veto power will be sustained by the people when exercised thus, and the firmness of the Governor will live in history as an example to admire and to imitate. The power of Corporations, already so formidable in our legislative halls, calls loudly for suppression; and the first movement to assure us has already been made by the Governor. No special acts nor supplements should be allowed to existing charters. If acts of incorporation or supplements to them be wanted for manufacturing, for coal mining, for railroads and the like—whatever republican reason can be advanced in favor of the special law desired, will find much more applicable to a general law that enables all citizens to do the same thing that the applicants ask for themselves alone, excluding all their fellow citizens, without any show of reason, right or sound policy. The shortest and fairest way to deal with all such applications now before the Legislature, would be to make a supplement to the present general manufacturing law, that will cover them all; and thus at once dismiss the host of borers that annoy members, and make a wholesome beginning, that will relieve everyone in the State of the annual fear he now justly entertains of having his rights invaded by stealthy and special laws, that lift his neighbor above him, interfere with the business, and rob him of his equal rights.

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