



Bradford Reporter

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Special, Free Speech, Free Men

Meeting of the Standing Committee

The members of the Standing Committee appointed by the Convention held last September...

A Speaker at Last

The contest for Speaker was ended in the House on Saturday last, by the election of HOWELL COBB...

Mr. Cobb was then conducted to the Chair, and addressed the House in a short speech...

Mr. Cobb, as a man, we entertain a high respect. The circumstances under which he was nominated...

It is seldom we notice the generous non-sense of the Washington Union...

The correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce writes on Friday last...

The South in this contest, have not cast a vote for any but a man known to be friendly to their interests...

The Union then gives the assurance that will be Democratic speaker...

Rich & Fox's Express—The convenience and despatch of this method of sending parcels...

Edward Joy Morris, of Philadelphia, has been appointed Charge d'Affaires to the Kingdom of Naples...

Several articles, in type, have been recently deferred.

Proceedings of the XXXIst Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15. SENATE.—The Senate met at 10 o'clock. Vice President Fillmore in the chair. An appropriate prayer was delivered by the Chaplain, the Rev. Henry Stiles...

Mr. Mangum made a few remarks and moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the Standing Committee's report.

Mr. Mangum then said that according to the practice of the few years past it had been agreed...

Mr. Hall objected to the course; he did not desire to appear before the House...

Mr. Mangum moved that the ballot be had for the chairman of the committee on Finance.

Mr. Hall raised an objection, and after some little debate the Vice President decided that the rule prescribed the election of each Chairman separately.

Messrs. Hall and Chase said that the difficulty would be obviated by postponing the election until to-morrow...

Mr. Post said the postponement would evince too much respect for the discourteous opposition of the Senators objecting.

After some further remarks, the balloting proceeded accordingly, resulting in the election of the following gentlemen...

On Foreign Relations—William H. King, of Alabama. On Claims—Moses Norris, Jr., of New Hampshire.

On Revolutionary Claims—Isaac P. Walker, of Wisconsin. On the Judiciary—Arthur P. Butler, of South Carolina.

On the Post Office and the Post Roads—Thos. J. Rusk, of Texas. On the Territories—Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois.

On Military—Samuel Houston, of Texas. On Naval Affairs—David L. Yulee, of Florida. On Public Lands—Alpheus Felt, of Michigan.

On Private Land Claims—Sof. E. Downs, of Louisiana. On Indian Affairs—David R. Atchison, of Missouri.

On Finance—Daniel S. Dickinson, of New York. On Commerce—Harriet Hamlin, of Maine.

On Manufactures—Wm. C. Sebastian, of Arkansas. On Agriculture—Daniel Sturgeon, of Pennsylvania.

On Military Affairs—Jefferson Davis, of Mississippi. On Roads and Canals—Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana.

On Pensions—William R. King, of Alabama. On District of Columbia—James M. Mason, of Virginia.

The objection being withdrawn, the Chairman of the remainder of the Committees were appointed on the motion of Mr. Mangum...

On Public Buildings—Robert M. T. Hunter, of Virginia. On Contingent Expenses of the Senate—Mr. Henry Dodge, of Wisconsin, and Mr. James Bradbury, of Maine.

On Library—Mr. James A. Pearce, of Maryland. On Enrolled Bills—Mr. Thomas J. Rusk, of Texas.

On Engrossed Bills—Mr. Geo. W. Jones, of Florida. On Printing—Solon Burton, of Arkansas.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson, the election to fill the committees was postponed till to-morrow. The Senate soon after adjourned.

House met at 12 o'clock; journal was read; when Mr. Kaufman, Dem. of Texas, offered the following resolution...

Resolved, That if no member shall have a majority of the votes cast for Speaker on the first trial, then of the second trial, if no member have one vote less than a majority, he shall be declared elected...

Mr. Kaufman was about to give his views on the resolution, when Mr. Brown, Dem. of Miss., raised a question whether debate could be indulged in...

Mr. Woodward, (Dem.) of S. C., claimed the right of Mr. Kaufman to be heard. Mr. Ashman, (Whig.) of Mass., insisted that Mr. Kaufman must confine himself to the subject...

Mr. Toombs, Whig, of Georgia, said that he never intended the resolution should be passed without debate, as a committee applying the rule...

Mr. Johnson, Dem., of Arkansas, desired, until otherwise by a majority of the House, that debate on questions which must necessarily arise should be allowed.

Mr. Root, Free Soil, of Ohio, coincided with the gentleman from South Carolina, and said that he took a correct view of the matter.

Mr. Toombs concluded that Mr. Kaufman's resolution violated the Constitution, because it deprived the majority of the right of electing a Speaker...

Mr. Walker offered a resolution tendering Father Mathew a visit to Washington, which being referred to a select committee...

On motion of Mr. Mason, the Senate proceeded to Executive business, and subsequently adjourned.

House of Representatives.—Father Mathew came into the Hall this morning. When the House was called to order, Mr. Baker, of Illinois, offered a resolution...

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Mr. Johnson, of Ark., offered a resolution that the members of the House be invited to attend while the House continues in a disorganized state...

Mr. Kaufman, of Texas, moved to amend by adding, "and that Father Mathew favor us with the first prayer."

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Mr. Jones of Tenn. moved, as an amendment, "provided no compensation shall hereafter be made for prayers, out of the contingent fund or otherwise."

Mr. Kaufman's motion was not agreed to. This question was then taken on Mr. Jones's amendment, and it was rejected.

Mr. Carter of Ohio, moved an amendment, and that the House fast during said period. The House fast during said period. (Laughter.)

man. (Hear him.) It is not my purpose to debate. (Hear him.) "Go on." "Go on."

Mr. Thompson, of Pa. moved to adjourn till to-morrow. "Question." "Question."

The Clerk said that the question was on "laying Mr. Vandev's resolution on the table."

The resolution was again read and great confusion ensued. At ten minutes past one o'clock, Mr. CARTER said: "I wish the Clerk to announce the resolution."

The Clerk read, "and that the House fast during said period." (Laughter.)

Mr. ALLEN—Have I the floor or not? A MEMBER—No one can rise to debate.

Mr. ALLEN—I don't rise to debate—I rise to inform the House that the Members say "Vote understandingly. Some of the clergymen are suspected of being drunk."

Cries of "Order." The resolution was then laid on the table.

Mr. Bacon (Clerk) of Miss. gave a report on the resolution which preceded debate until a Speaker shall be elected...

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FIRST ANNUAL MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT Z. TAYLOR

Delivered to the Senate and House of Representatives on Monday, Dec. 26, 1849.

Having observed the Senate and House of Representatives in their annual session, I have the honor to address you on this important day.

Such is the result of the labors of those who have been entrusted with the management of our system, that the future maintenance of our system, the preservation of our government, and the transmission of it, unimpaired to posterity, are secured.

We are at peace with the whole world, and seek to maintain our cherished relations of amity with the rest of mankind.

While enjoying the benefits of amicable intercourse with foreign nations, we have not been inattentive to the distractions and wars which have prevailed in other quarters of the world.

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I have scrupulously avoided any interference in the wars and contentions which have recently distracted Europe.

During the late conflict between Austria and Hungary, there existed to be a prospect that the latter might become an independent nation.

It is a duty, in consequence of the general sentiment of the American people who deeply sympathized with the Magyar, to stand prepared upon the contingency of the establishment of a permanent government to be the first to welcome independent Hungary into the family of nations.

For this purpose, I directed an agent, then in Europe, with power to declare our willingness promptly to recognize her independence, in the event of her ability to sustain it.

The powerful intervention of Russia, in the contest extinguished the hopes of the struggling Magyar.

The United States did not, at any time, interfere in the contest; but the feelings of the nation were strongly enlisted in the cause, and the efforts of a brave people, who had made a gallant though unsuccessful effort to be free.

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