

that can make it just as strong as he thinks upon this resolution.

"Say of 'read it,' 'read it.'

"The resolution was then read, as follows:

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Another ballot was, however, demanded from all sides, and it was taken.

SECOND BALLOT.

Douglas, Breckinridge, Curtis.			
Maine,	7	0	0
New Hampshire,	5	0	0
Vermont,	6	0	0
Massachusetts,	10	0	0
Rhode Island,	4	0	0
Connecticut,	2	0	0
New York,	32	0	0
New Jersey,	2	0	0
Pennsylvania,	10	1	23
Maryland,	2	0	0
Virginia,	3	0	0
North Carolina,	1	0	0
Alabama,	9	0	0
Louisiana,	6	0	0
Arkansas,	1	0	0
Missouri,	4	0	0
Tennessee,	3	0	14
Kentucky,	23	0	0
Ohio,	13	0	0
Indiana,	11	0	0
Illinois,	6	0	0
Michigan,	5	0	0
Wisconsin,	4	0	0
Iowa,	0	0	0
Minnesota,	4	0	0
	181	74	54

Whole number of votes 184; of which Mr. Douglas received 181 votes.

Mr. Hoge, of Virginia, obtained the door.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri—Will the gentleman allow me to say a word before he proceeds?

Mr. Hoge—Certainly, with pleasure.

Mr. Clark—It is known to this Convention that at Charleston, as well as here, I have never cast a vote for Stephen A. Douglas. I have taken my course at Charleston and here, in obedience to what I thought were the wishes of my constituents, although in that I may have been mistaken. I endeavored to place in nomination a gentleman agreeing in all particulars more fully, as I thought, with the wishes of Missouri than Mr. Douglas. I have never had any hostility towards Mr. Douglas, but have always regarded him—and have so announced in Congress and elsewhere—as a great and patriotic statesman. [Applause.] I should feel the interests and destinies of my country entirely safe in his hands and under his administration. [Renewed applause.] I have personal preference, in obedience to what I consider the will and sentiment of the State I in part represent. I was commissioned to the National Democratic Convention, and I know of none but that one. [Applause.] I have linked my destiny to this, and as I said yesterday, for weal or woe, I shall live and die in the Democratic party. With that view, in order that we may end our labors here, and give the country respite, until they begin to shout for victory, I intend to second the motion of the gentleman from Virginia, (Mr. Hoge,) to declare Stephen A. Douglas the nominee unanimously of this Convention.

Mr. Hoge, of Virginia—Before I submit the resolution I promised, I desire to submit one single remark. The

resolution, being the same as that offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. Church,) with a slight modification that he and I have made: "Resolved unanimously, That Stephen A. Douglas, of the State of Illinois, having now received two-thirds of all the votes given in this Convention is hereby declared, in accordance with the rules governing this body, and in accordance with the uniform custom and rules of former Democratic National Conventions, the regular nominee of the Democratic party of the United States for the office of President of the United States."

When the vote was called on the resolution an overwhelming unanimous "aye" was given, and the whole Convention rose, the members cheering, waving their hats, and yelling frantically.

The galleries responded with the most enthusiastic acclamations, in the midst of which the banner of the Keystone Club was displayed from the upper gallery, and the band struck up "Hail to the Chief."

A second banner inscribed with the name of "Douglas, the next President of the United States," "Pennsylvania good for 40,000 for Douglas," was received with a fresh outburst of enthusiasm.

For five minutes the enthusiastic demonstration continued. The cheering would die away and be renewed, the Convention and spectators all being on their feet and apparently wild with excitement. Finally, in a lull of the noise,

The President said—Gentlemen of the Convention, as your presiding officer I declare Stephen A. Douglas, of Illinois, by the unanimous vote of this Convention he would state them in substance and afterwards hand them to the Secretary.

We recommend first, that the representation in the next National Convention shall be the same as now; second,

that in the event that any new State shall be admitted, any person that shall be named by the regular Democratic organization of that State shall be recognized as a member of the Executive Committee of the nation; third, that the place of holding the next National Convention shall be in the discretion of the National Committee.

On motion of Mr. Pratt, of Connecticut, the report was adopted.

Mr. Stevens, of Massachusetts, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That John G. Parkhurst, Esq., Secretary of this Convention, be requested to prepare the proceedings of this Convention, to be printed in proper form, and that the National Committee cause 10,000 copies of the same to be prepared, to be printed

sittings of this body did Judge Douglas receive the united vote of the delegation from Pennsylvania. And, I may further add, that in the consideration of a platform a majority of us uniting with our Southern friends ready to give them all that we believed them entitled under the Federal Constitution. In our judgment they asked for nothing more, and we were not willing to give them less. [Applause.] In our actions then we have been overruled by a decided majority of this body, and, for Pennsylvania, I am free to say that, attached as we are to the Democratic party, its principles, its discipline, its organization, standing true forever, in the eloquent language of the President in his opening speech at Charleston, "Standing as perpetual sentinels upon the outposts of the Constitution," we will, I trust, abide by its decisions and support its nominees. [Cheers.]

Judge Douglas is a man of acknowledged talent, and everywhere regarded as the accomplished statesman, skilled in the art of ruling. Born under a New England sun, yet by adoption a citizen of the West, honored and cherished in the valley of the Ohio and on the slopes of the Atlantic, he now should be of the whole country. [Cheers.] Untrained, to some extent, in early life, in the learning of the schools, the deficiency, if any exists, has been largely compensated by the generous measure in which nature has dealt upon him her choicest gifts of intellect and character. [Applause.] Like Henry of the Revolution, like Pele of England, these noble qualities have made him the architect of his own fortune. [Cheers.]

That the Union is a confederacy endowed with special powers, the States composing it retaining all the undoubted attributes of sovereignty, is the fundamental truth of our political system. In defense of this truth we are about to engage in a new contest, and in the comprehension of its true character we have thoroughly to educate the popular mind. The popular heart is to be won back to loyalty by holding up to its contemplation the image of the Constitution in its serene beauty of lineament and proportion. The erring conclusions of our fellow-citizens of all sections are to be corrected by a thorough and persevering exposition of their fallacy, and in place of these are to be indicated the paramount claims of the Federal compact to the hearty allegiance, in letter and spirit, of every American who can comprehend and appreciate the institutions of his country, and who really cherishes a desire for their perpetuity. [Applause.]

The resolution was received with loud expressions of approbation.

Mr. Richardson, of Illinois—Mr. Chairman, the labors of this Convention, arduous as they have been, are now drawing to a close. Arduous duties lie before us in the canvass that is to come, consequent upon the nomination that we have made here to day. To the Convention, to those who have been our friends, for their support on behalf of our nominee for the presidency, and on behalf of his State, and also to this entire Convention, I return my profound thanks. We have been involved in seeming difficulties, great and perilous during the time that we have been deliberating here. But the Democratic party has passed through greater difficulties than these, and come from the contest with their banner untorn and with triumph perched upon it. [Applause.]

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Democratic National Convention, At Maryland Institute Hall.

The delegates who withdrew on Friday night from the Democratic Convention at the Front Street Theatre, assembled at noon on Saturday in the hall of the Maryland Institute. Before the hour of assembling they were joined by a number of additional delegates, who also withdrew from the Front Street Theatre Convention during the morning.

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Not being conscious of any peculiar merit which induced the Convention to prefer him for the office, he attributed it to respect for the ancient and loyal State of Virginia. He was assured that the Convention would be governed by regard for the principle of States Rights. That convention which has recently assembled in Baltimore, how do they stand before the country to day? They come back hero upon that platform precisely as they left it at Charleston. [Applause.] They sought admission into your Convention, and the Convention acted upon their application. Then another set of gentlemen, who were in here and had pledged themselves to stand by the nominees if they could get 202 votes in the nomination—these other gentlemen told you that unless you admitted those Seceders, they could go out, too. They made an issue, not upon the candidate, not upon the platform, but upon the contest over the seats which the Seceders claimed here. [Applause.]

I attribute none but patriotic motives to every gentleman. But I must say, I do not know how elevated that patriotism is that leads men to go out of a National Democratic Convention, and seeks to break up the party, because you will not let this man or that man, or the other man, sit here in this Convention. [Applause.] So help me, God! if I was influenced by such considerations, I would go home and seek the most insignificant town in my State, and remain there the balance of my life, for I should not want to be seen by many people. [Great applause.]

Now, Mr. President, I am going to make an announcement that will account for the currency of a rumor prevalent here the other day. Judge Douglas will accept the nomination. [Loud cheers and applause.] But Judge Douglas was prepared, for the harmony of the party, for the success of the party, for the preservation of the government, always and at all times, to withdraw his name from the Convention. [Applause.] I mean those gentlemen shall meet that issue when they go home. I have had in my possession, since the session of this Convention here, his authority placed in my hands

which was received by acclamation.

Mr. Walker, of Alabama, chairman of the committee on organization, reported the following permanent officers of the convention:

President—Hon. Caleb Cushing, which was received by acclamation.

Vice-Presidents—O. R. Fenton, of Vt.; A. P. Weston, of Oregon.

Both nominations were received with great cheering.

On motion of the president of the convention, the president requested to notify the nominees of their nomination.

The president requested the chairman of each delegation to present, to him the

name of a person as a member of the national democratic committee.

Mr. Yancey was then loudly called for, and taking his position on the platform, he made an eloquent and lengthy speech, which throughout was loudly cheered—after which the convention adjourned *sine die*.

[Private.]

WASHINGTON, 11 P. M., June 20.

MY DEAR Sir:—I learn there is imminent danger that the Democratic party will be demoralized, if not destroyed, by the breaking of the Convention.

Such a result would inevitably expose the country to the perils of sectional strife between the Northern and

Southern partisans of Congressional intervention upon the subject of slavery in the Territories. I firmly and con-

scientiously believe that there is no safety for the country—no hope for the

preservation of the Union, except by a

faithful and rigid adherence to the doctrine of non-intervention by Congress

with slavery in the Territories. [Ap-

plause.] Intervention means disunion.

There is no difference between North

and South intervention. The one, intervention for slavery, the other

for the sake of the slaves.

But while I can never sacrifice the

principle, even to attain the Presidency, I will cheerfully and joyfully sacrifice myself to maintain the principle. [Ap-

plause.] If, therefore, you and my other friends, who have stood by me with so much heroic firmness at Charleston and Baltimore, shall be of the opinion that the principle can be preserved and the unity and ascendancy of the Democratic party maintained and the country saved from the perils of Northern abolitionists and Southern disunion by withdrawing my name and uniting upon some other non-intervention and Union-loving Democrat, I beseech you to pursue that course. [Applause.]

Do not understand me as wishing to dictate to my friends. I have implicit confidence in your's and their patriotism and discretion. Whatever you may do in the promises will meet my hearty approval, but I conjure you to act with an eye single to the safety and welfare of the country, and without the slightest regard to my individual interests or aggrandizement. [Applause.] My interests will be but promoted, and ambition gratified, and motives vindicated by that course on the part of my friends which will be most effectual in saving the country from being ruled or ruined by a sectional party.

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Mr. Portis, of Ala., moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chair to prepare an address to the country upon the principles which have governed the convention in making their nominations for President and Vice-President, and in vindication of the principles of the party—which was adopted.

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Mr. Dent seconded the nomination with some enthusiastic remarks.

Mr. Ewing put in nomination Daniel S. Dickinson, of New York, and spoke warmly in commendation of his high character as a statesman. Mr. Dickinson had been for six years in the Senate of the United States where he battled for the rights of the South. Mr. Walker had said of him, that he could not be spared from that body.

Mr. Stevens, of Oregon, nominated General Joseph Lane of Oregon—the Marion of his State. He spoke in his favor at some length.

Mr. Russell, of Virginia, expressed his thanks to Alabama for presenting the name of Virginia's distinguished son. He did not feel authorized to withdraw his name, but as Mr. Hunter did not desire the nomination, he hoped that Alabama would do so. The name of Mr. Hunter was then withdrawn.

Mr. Stevens withdrew the name of General Lane.

THE BALLOT.

The roll of States was then called with the following result:

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