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PROCEEDINGS

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, } Harrisburg, March 4, 1856.

The Democratic State Convention, to appoint delegates to the Cincinnati National Convention, Presidential Electors, and to nominate a State ticket, assembled in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 10 o'clock, A. M., when

JAMES F. JOHNSTON, Esq., Chairman of the State Central Committee, called the Convention to order.

On motion of V. E. PIOLLET, J. PORTER BRAWLEY, of Crawford county, was chosen temporary Chairman.

On motion of P. C. SHANNON and VINCENT PHILLIPS, E. BIDDLE ROBERTS, of Allegheny, and B. F. SLOAN, of Erie, were chosen Secretaries.

The list of delegates was then called by the Secretaries, as follows:

SENATORIAL DELEGATES.

- 1 Phila. city—F. C. Frazer, Chas. McGrath.
- 2 Phila. county—J. D. Campbell, Wm. Lamb, Geo. R. Borrel.
- 3 Montgomery—Ed. Satherwaite.
- 4 Chester and Delaware—O. E. Strickland.
- 5 Berks—Jos. Hagerman.
- 6 Bucks—F. Vansant.
- 7 Lancaster and Lebanon—Jas. L. Reynolds, W. W. Murray.
- 8 Dauphin and Northumberland—Jacob Leisinger.
- 9 Northampton and Lehigh—J. D. Stiles.
- 10 Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne—Lafayette Westbrook, of Pike.
- 11 Adams and Franklin—Wilson Reilly.
- 12 York—Jno. Rankin.
- 13 Cumberland and Perry—John Stuart.
- 14 Centre, Lycoming, Clinton and Sullivan—Wm. E. Packer.
- 15 Blair, Cambria and Huntingdon—Edward Patterson.
- 16 Luzerne, Montour and Columbia—Hendrick B. Wright.
- 17 Bradford, Susquehanna and Wyoming—Jno. N. Means.
- 18 Tioga, Potter, McKean, Elk, Clearfield, Jefferson and Forest—De Witt C. James.
- 19 Mercer, Venango and Warren—Joseph Y. James.
- 20 Erie and Crawford—Vincent Phelps.
- 21 Butler, Beaver and Lawrence—Lewis Z. Mitchell.
- 22 Allegheny—J. A. Gibson, R. Biddle Roberts.
- 23 Washington and Greene—J. A. J. Buchanan.
- 24 Somerset, Bedford and Fulton—J. S. Robinson.
- 25 Armstrong, Indiana and Clarion—Charles J. Lambert.
- 26 Juniata, Mifflin and Union—Reuben Keller.
- 27 Westmoreland & Fayette—Wesley Frost.
- 28 Schuylkill—Clément Foster.

REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATES.

- Adams—H J Stable.
Allegheny—S W Black, Henry McCullough, Matt Harbison, P C Shannon, Charles Barnett.
Armstrong, Clarion and Jefferson—W Raiston, Seth Clover, Dav Barclay.
Beaver, Butler and Lawrence—C Carter, Jno N Purviance, David Tidball.
Bedford, Fulton and Cambria—Geo H Spang, Richard White.
Berks—Jacob Wicklein, H L Miller, C W Esser, W N Potteiger.
Blair and Huntingdon—Theo S Snyder, Thos P Campbell.
Bradford—Vic E Piolett, W H Peck.
Bucks—Paul Applebaugh, W Harris, Jonathan Ely.
Carbon and Lehigh—A G Broadhead, M Hannum.
Centre—Samuel Strohecker.
Chester—J Hodgson, J D Evans, Ralph Marsh.
Clearfield, McKean and Elk—J L Gillis.
Clinton, Lycoming and Potter—John Piatt, Miles White.
Columbia and Montour—J G Montgomery.
Crawford—J P Brawley, W Kerr.
Cumberland—Moss Bricker, Thos M Biddle.
Dauphin—Saml Bigler, O Barret.
Delaware—John P James.
Erie—Wilson Laird, B F Sloan.
Fayette and Westmoreland—J L Dawson, Robt Given, Wm Ross, E J Keenan.
Franklin—G W Brewer, J M Cooper.
Greene—Jesse Lazarus.
Indiana—Adam Lowrie.
Lebanon—W M Breslin.
Lancaster—Dr James Cushman, Henry S Magraw, Dr Samuel Parker, James S M'Nelson, Abraham Peters.
Luzerne—D H Throop, Saml G Turner.
Mercer, Venango and Warren—James Hazleton, Arnold Plummer, G W Scofield.
Mifflin—Wm Gilmore.
Monroe and Pike—Oscar Mott.
Montgomery—Philip S Gerhard, John C

Smith, Jacob Jacoby,
Northampton—J M Porter, John Davis.
Northumberland—David B Montgomery.
Perry—James Black.
Philadelphia City—C Brady, T Ellis, J M'Combs, A O'Hara.
Philadelphia County—T Cergee, E Wiler, P M'Donough, Andrew Noble, Geo W Wunder, F M'Connell, A Brown, John Crawford, E Street, Jas F Nichols, J K Hassinger.
Schuylkill—Edward Kerns, M Cochran.
Somerset—John D Roddy.
Susquehanna, Sullivan and Wyoming—W C Ward, Dr J V Smith.
Tioga—H A Guernsey.
Union, Juniata and Snyder—A P Lusk.
Wayne—F M Crane.
Washington—Wm Montgomery, Wm Hopkins.

The seats of three members being contested.
Hon J M PORTER moved that the names of the contestants be called in their order, and that each disputant be allowed to address the Convention in support of his claim, each speaker being limited to ten minutes; which was agreed to.

The first case was that of Senatorial Delegate from the district composed of the counties of Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne—LAFAYETTE WESTBROOK and WILLIAM LILLY being the contestants.
Mr Lilly explained the ground on which he claimed his seat, and Mr Porter followed in defence of the claim of Mr Westbrook, and moved that Mr W be admitted to his seat.

Mr Stiles moved to amend the motion by substituting the name of Mr Lilly.
The amendment was not agreed to, and the question being taken on the original motion, it was agreed to, and Mr Westbrook took his seat.

Mr Hall not appearing from the Bedford district, J S Robinson was admitted by resolution.

The next contest was between J R Jones, of Sullivan, and J V Smith, of Wyoming.
Mr Jones offered a resolution that W C Ward, of Susquehanna, and J R Jones, of Sullivan, be the representative delegates from the Susquehanna, Sullivan and Wyoming district.

The resolution was debated by Messrs Smith, Jones, Piollett and Piatt; when Mr Jones moved to substitute the name of John V Smith for that of J R Jones; which was adopted, and the resolution as amended was then agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.

Mr Purviance moved that the Chairman appoint a committee of one from each Senatorial district, to select permanent officers for the Convention; which was agreed to.

In pursuance of the above motion, the Chairman appointed the following Committee:

- John N Purviance, Butler.
1 J McCombs, Philadelphia City.
2 J D Campbell, County.
3 E Satherwaite, Montgomery.
4 J Hodgson, Chester.
5 C W Esser, Berks.
6 F Vansant, Bucks.
7 J Cushman, Lancaster.
8 J Leisinger, Northumberland.
9 J Davis, Northampton.
10 A G Broadhead, Lehigh.
11 J M Cooper, Franklin.
12 Edy Patterson, York.
13 John Stuart, Cumberland.
14 J Piatt, Lycoming.
15 Adolphus Patterson, Blair.
16 J G Montgomery, Montour.
17 W C Ward, Susquehanna.
18 D W C James, Elk.
19 J G James, Warren.
20 V Phelps, Crawford.
21 S W Black, Allegheny.
22 W Montgomery, Washington.
23 G H Spang, Bedford.
24 Chas J Lambert, Armstrong.
25 A P Lusk, Juniata.
26 Robert Given, Fayette.
28 C Foster, Schuylkill.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CONVENTION.

Mr Wright moved that the rules of the House of Representatives be adopted for the government of the Convention, as far as practicable; which was agreed to.

CANDIDATE DECLINED.

Mr HOPKINS, of Washington, stated to the Convention, that his name had been mentioned by a number of gentlemen in connection with the office of President of the Convention, and having determined not to permit his name to be used in that connection, he felt it due to those gentlemen, as well as to himself, to make a public avowal of that determination.
He did it that the utmost harmony might prevail, and to this end he hoped the Convention would start right. [Applause.]
On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at three o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 3 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Mr BRAWLEY.

Mr PURVIANCIE, from the committee on permanent officers, reported the following:

President,
Hon HENDRICK B WRIGHT, of Luzerne.

Vice Presidents,
Thos George, Philadelphia.
Wm Lamb, " "
Philip D Gerhart, Montgomery.
Jno P James, Delaware.
Jacob Wicklein, Berks.
Paul Applebaugh, Bucks.
Abraham Peters, Lancaster.
Samuel Bigler, Dauphin.
Mifflin Hannum, Lehigh.
F M Crane, Wayne.
H J Stable, Adams.
Jno Rankin, York.

Jas Black, Perry.
Samuel Strohecker, Centre.
Theophilus Snyder, Blair.
B M Throop, Luzerne.
Jno F Means, Bradford.
David Barclay Jefferson, G W Scofield, Warren.
Wilson Laird, Erie.
David Tidball, Lawrence.
Henry M'Clough, Allegheny.
Jesse Lazarus, Greene.
John D Roddy, Somerset.
Seth Clover, Clarion.
Reuben C Miller, Union.
Wesley Frost, Fayette.

Secretaries.
B F Sloan, Erie.
Ed J Keenan, Westmoreland.
D W C James, Potter.
Wm M Breslin, Lebanon.
George R Berrill, Philadelphia.
John M Cooper, Franklin.
Lewis Z Mitchell, Butler.
Wm M Potteiger, Berks.
Lafayette Westbrook, Pike.
Charles McGrath, Philadelphia.
Mathew Harbison, Allegheny.
Moss Bricker, Cumberland.
Jesse Peck, Bradford.

On motion of Mr Packer, the nominations were unanimously adopted.

The President elect was then escorted to the chair, and addressed the Convention as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention—I return you my thanks for this manifestation of your partiality. I shall endeavor to discharge the important duties you have assigned to me, with fidelity; and it may not be improper in me, at this time, to state what I regard as discharging these duties with fidelity. We come here to-day, gentlemen, from all parts of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania—and great she is—influenced by circumstances under which a Convention never before assembled in Pennsylvania. We come here as a unit—we come here undivided—we come here to carry out a single purpose, and that purpose is to present, through this Commonwealth, to the nation at large, a man who is in every way qualified to discharge the duties of the first position in the Republic, and who in all probability will occupy it before another Convention shall assemble here. [Great applause.] Need I say to you that the name of that distinguished man is James Buchanan —[Applause.] A man, who at this time, not only Pennsylvania, but the whole nation, is ready to honor. [Renewed applause.] Heretofore, it has been said that Mr Buchanan was presented by the politicians of Pennsylvania. To-day, gentlemen, he is borne to the Capitol of your State on the shoulders of the people. [Cheers.] No politician in Pennsylvania, as a politician, has had an exclusive hand in bringing about this great, this mighty, this signal triumph in our Commonwealth. Mr Buchanan, this day, in Pennsylvania, is enshrined in the hearts of her people. [Applause.] He is stronger to-day in Pennsylvania than he ever was before; he is stronger to-day in the Nation than he ever was before. [Cheers.]

Having met here for the purpose of selecting delegates who will cast my unanimous vote for this man, whom we delight to honor, in the Convention which is to meet in Cincinnati, in June next, it becomes important that no man should be entrusted with a message to be carried there, unless he be a true man in every particular. As for myself, I am frank to acknowledge that I know no second choice. [Applause.] I have but one choice, and that choice is the distinguished man of my own native State. What is to be the effect of our proceedings to-day? Before you shall adjourn to-night, the unanimity with which this Convention has been organized—the moral grandeur and power that is presented here—goes over the wires to all parts of this country, and it will carry with it into the public mind elsewhere, a conviction which we hope will make the proceedings of the Cincinnati Convention a unit. Also, in presenting our distinguished son, let us, gentlemen, in sending our delegation to the Cincinnati Convention, entrust them with a platform worthy of the great State of Pennsylvania, and worthy of the great man that is to stand upon it when they get there.—Let a platform go with that delegation national in its character. Let it not be circumscribed by narrow, selfish and local interests. Let it be a platform wide as our country, from ocean to ocean, that every Democrat throughout the land may join hands with us in support of it.

In that platform, which we are to entrust with our delegation, let us concede nothing to the South, but let us do the South equal and even handed justice—that is all they ask, and that is that we are willing to give. Embodied in that platform, let there be the great principle of the age, of popular sovereignty, as embraced in the Kansas and Nebraska bill. [Terrific applause.] Let there be embraced in that platform this great principle—taxation only to meet the wants of a well conducted government, sufficient to defray all of its expenses, with a strict regard to national economy. [Applause.] Let there be embraced also in that platform, which these gentlemen shall carry there, a war of extermination against that sect or party of men opposed to religious toleration in this land. [Applause.] Let there be no dark spot on this glorious platform—let it be illuminated by reason, and no dark lanterns—let every portion of it stand out in "bold relief," and let the gentlemen from Pennsylvania, who carry to Cincinnati the ark of our national covenant, take one they may be proud of when they get there with it, and be cheered by thousands who meet there for one common purpose, and with one common object.

I said to you that I would discharge the duties of the Chair with impartiality; what I mean by impartiality is, that no man is to participate in that great business, unless he is under thorough pledges, and has manliness

enough to carry those pledges out. Gentlemen, it is about time, I think, in the history of this country, that this old Commonwealth—one of the thirteen of the original States of the federal compact—should have a delegation of other portions of the confederacy in favor of one of her own men.—We have been postponed from time to time; but when has Pennsylvania filtered? In the times that tried men's souls, she won the proud name of the Keystone of the Federal Arch; and now, when we are in the midst of times similar to those past, she will, again, as she did before, preserve the Union. [Great Applause.]

And here is the Democratic party of Pennsylvania—God knows I am proud to look upon you. I have frequently been in Conventions here for the last twenty-five years, and have never before seen so much intelligence displayed. Men come up from all quarters, old and young, to participate in bringing about the restoration of things that unluckily, two years ago, were subverted, and the country involved in disaster.—We come here, operated upon by no local feelings; we come here, operated upon by no sectional feelings; we come here, having a due regard for the white freeman of this Union, and a due regard, I trust, for the black men of the Union. But I am one of those who think that we had better look to the welfare and happiness of twenty-seven millions of white men than to that of three millions black men. [Tremendous applause.] Our politics here in Pennsylvania is national. We do not take a one sided view of this great question, which presented itself in fanatic Abolitionism, and in religious intolerance. We occupy the whole ground.—We stand upon ground, occupied by our fellow Democrats throughout all parts of the country; and no Pennsylvanian in his support of James Buchanan—if he is, fortunately, nominated, will more heartily cast his vote for him at the ballot box, than the freeman who lives upon the golden shores of California, in Texas, or in the most remote parts of our country.

We present a national man upon a national platform, without isms of any kind, and upon that platform let him stand or fall. If we succeed in nominating that man, and sustaining that platform, who doubts but that the country is safe? No sound man, I do not think, gentlemen, that we have much to do. Our battle has been fought; and we have only to throw up our hats in exultation, that Mr Buchanan is nominated—and Mr Buchanan nominated, is Mr Buchanan elected. [Great applause.] It is a mere formal matter, that we are now going through—to show Mr Buchanan our good will, and other parts of the confederation that Pennsylvania is in blood earnest, and determined to have her choice—a point that the National Convention has never conceded before. I again return my thanks to you, gentlemen, for electing to this position, the duties of which I shall faithfully administer. [Cheers.]

Mr PURVIANCIE offered a resolution that the members of the Convention proceed to vote viva voce for a candidate for the Presidency of the United States, as the choice of Pennsylvania; which was twice read and adopted.

The roll was then called with the following result: Messrs. Anderson, Berrill, Buchanan, Biddle, Barnett, Broadhead, Brawley, Bricker, Bigler, (Dauphin,) Brewer, Black, (Perry,) Brady, Brown, Barclay, Breslin, Black, (Allegheny,) Campbell, (Philadelphia,) Carter, Cooper, Cochran, Cushman, Cergee, Crawford, Crane, Clover, Dawson, Davis, Esser, Evans, Ellis, Frazer, Frost, Foster, Gibson, Gillis, Gerhard, Given, Gilmore, Guernsey, Hagerman, Harbison, Hannum, Hodgson, Hazleton, Hassinger, Hopkins, James, (Potter,) James, (Delaware,) James, (Warren,) Jacoby, Keller, Keenan, Kerns, Kerr, Lamb, Leisinger, Lambert, Laird, Lazarus, Lowrie, Lusk, McGrath, Means, Mitchell, M'Clough, Miller, Marsh, Montgomery, (Columbia,) Montgomery, (North D) Montgomery, (Washington,) Murray, Magraw, M'Mahon, Mott, M'Donough, M'Connell, M'Combs, Nichols, Noble, O'Hara, Packer, Patterson, (Blair) Patterson, (York) Phelps, Purviance, Potteiger, Piollett, Peck, Piatt, Parker, Peter, Plummer, Porter, Reynolds, Reilly, Rankin, Roberts, Robinson, Ross, Roddy, Raiston Satherwaite, Strickland, Stahle, Stuart, Shannon, Sloan, Spang, Snyder, Smith, (Wyoming,) Smith, (Montgomery,) Stiles, Strohecker, Scofield, Street, Throop, Tidball, Turner, Westbrook, Wright, White, (Cambria,) White, (Potter,) Wickelin, Wiler, Wunder, Ward, and Welsh—127, voted for JAMES BUCHANAN.

Messrs. Applebaugh, Barrett, Ely, Harris and Vansant—5, voted for GEORGE M. DALLAS.

Hon. N. C. Campbell, (Huntingdon,)—I, for the Nominee of National Convention.
Mr. VANSANT said that the Bucks county delegation had voted for GEORGE M. DALLAS under instructions, and moved that the nomination be declared unanimous; which was agreed to—one voice dissenting.

Mr. REILLY offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That JAMES BUCHANAN being the first and only choice of Pennsylvania for the Presidency, the President of this Convention do now appoint a committee of twenty-five, one from each Congressional district, with instructions to report to this Convention, subject to its approbation, the names of fifty-four delegates, four senatorial delegates from the State at large, and two representative delegates from each Congressional district, to represent the Democracy of the State in the National Convention to be held at Cincinnati in June next; and for the purpose of advocating with earnest sincerity before the delegating power of the Democracy of the Union the true position and sentiments of the people of the old Keystone Commonwealth, the committee shall report no person as a delegate, nor shall any person be chosen as such delegate, who is not known to this Convention to

be the firm, consistent, and under all circumstances, reliable friend of our nominees, 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 twenty-seven persons, two senatorial and one representative from each Congressional district, as candidates for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, to be supported by the Democratic party at the next election.

Mr. REILLY addressed the Convention eloquently in support of the resolution, after which it was adopted.

Mr. DAWSON moved that a committee of thirteen be appointed to prepare resolutions expressive of the sense of the Convention; which was agreed to.

Mr. WELSH moved that the Convention proceed to ballot for a candidate for Canal Commissioner.

Mr. PURVIANCIE moved that the motion of Mr. WELSH be postponed for the present; which, after some remarks from Messrs. WELSH, GILLIS and PURVIANCIE, was agreed to.

Mr. PIOLLET moved that when the Convention adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at seven o'clock this evening; which was agreed to.

Mr. MAGRAW moved that the Convention do now adjourn; which was agreed to.

Adjoining.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at seven o'clock.

The President announced the following Committees:

Committee on Resolutions.
John L. Dawson, Howard L. Miller, R. Biddle Roberts, David Tidball, Wm. Montgomery, Emanuel Street, Franklin Vansant, John F. Means, James L. Reynolds, Mifflin Hannum, Wilson Reilly, J. G. Montgomery.

Committee on Delegates and Electors.
1st District, Patrick McDonough; 2nd Charles Brady; 3d, John Crawford; 4th, Francis McCormick; 5th, Edmund Satherwaite; 6th, Ralph Marsh; 7th, John D. Stiles; 8th, I. Hagerman; 9th, Henry S. Magraw; 10th, W. W. Murray; 11th, Jacob Leisinger; 12th, S. G. Turner; 13th, J. M. Porter; 14th, V. E. Piollett; 15th, Wm. F. Packer; 16th Wm H. Welsh; 17th G. W. Brewer; 18th, Richard White; 19th, Robert Given; 20th, Wesley Frost; 21st, Chas. Barnett; 22d, J. N. Purviance; 23d, James Hazleton; 24th, James L. Gillis; 25th, J. Porter Brawley.

Mr. REILLY moved that a State Central Committee be appointed by the President, to be composed of thirty-three, equal to the number of State Senators—each district to be entitled to as many members of the Committee as she has Senators; which was adopted.

A motion that the Chair announce the Committee before the final adjournment of the Convention, was also adopted.

Mr. WELSH moved to proceed to the nomination of a candidate for Canal Commissioner.
Mr. BRAWLEY moved to amend the motion, by postponing the nomination of candidates till to-morrow morning, and that Ex-Governor BIGLER, who was present in the Convention, be invited to address the Convention.

The motion was subsequently amended to include also, Hon. Charles R. Buckalew and Col. Samuel W. Black, and so adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee on Delegates and Electors, announced that the Committee would sit this evening, during the session of the Convention.

Gov. BIGLER was then called for, appeared and addressed the Convention.

He was followed by SAMUEL W. BLACK, Esq. of Allegheny, CHARLES R. BUCKALEW, Esq. of Columbia, and WM. MONTGOMERY, Esq. of Washington.

AFTER MR. M. had concluded his remarks, Hon. JAS. M. PORTER, from the Committee to select Delegates to the National Convention and Electors, reported the following:

DELEGATES AT LARGE.
Arnold Plummer, Venango.
Henry D. Foster, Westmoreland.
David R. Porter, Dauphin.
James L. Reynolds, Lancaster.

DISTRICT DELEGATES.
1st—Edward G. Webb, John M'Carthy.
2nd—James C. Vandyke, Chas. McKibben.

- 3d—John Robbins, Jr., Charles W. Carrigan.
- 4th—Jos. Lippencott, John G. Brenner.
- 5th—Owen Jones, (Montgomery.) Thomas J. Roberts.
- 6th—John Butler, (Chester.) Charles D. Manley, (Delaware.)
- 7th—John D. Stiles, Edward Nicholson.
- 8th—J. Glancy Jones, P. K. Baker.
- 9th—H. B. Swarr, Jos. B. Baker.
- 10th—John Weidman, J. M. Kreiter.
- 11th—Wm. L. Dewart, G. M. Straub.
- 12th—H. B. Wright, J. G. Montgomery.
- 13th—J. N. Hutchinson, H. B. Bensley.
- 14th—V. E. Piollett, C. L. Ward.
- 15th—Wm. F. Packer, John H. Morrison.
- 16th—Henry Welsh, John Stuart.
- 17th—John Cessna, A. P. Lusk.
- 18th—John C. Everhart, Richard White.
- 19th—Jacob Forney, Alex. M'Kinney.
- 20th—John D. Dawson, William Hopkins.
- 21st—Andrew Burke, Charles Barnett.
- 22nd—Sam. W. Black, James A. Gibson.
- 23rd—M. C. Trout, John N. M'Guiffin.
- 24th—J. L. Gillis, J. Y. James.
- 25th—J. Porter Brawley, Wilson Laird.

DELEGATES AT LARGE.
Charles R. Buckalew.
Wilson M'Callister.
1st District—Geo. W. Neibinger, Phila. county.
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18th " " John D. Roddy, Somerset co.
19th " " Jacob Turner, Westmoreland co.
20th " " J. A. J. Buchanan, Greene co.
21st " " William Wilkins, Allegheny co.
22nd " " James G. Campbell, Butler co.
23d " " Thomas Cunningham, Beaver co.
24th " " John Keatley, Clarion co.
25th " " Vincent Phelps, Crawford co.
The report of the Committee was adopted; after which,

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 10 o'clock the Convention was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. REILLY moved that a committee of five be appointed to inform the Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN of his nomination by this Convention for the Presidency; which was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman appointed the following gentlemen on said committee:

G. W. Brewer, Franklin; Hon. J. M. Porter, Northampton; Hon. Joel B. Danner, Adams; J. A. Gibson, Allegheny; and George R. Berrill, Philadelphia.

Mr. BRAWLEY offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the State Central Committee may be increased to any number under seventy-five, at the option of the President, and that any ten, on the call of the Chairman, shall be a quorum to transact business.

Mr. JOHN L. DAWSON, from the Committee, reported the following admirable series of resolutions; which were read and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That in the present distracted condition of parties, in which sectional and partial issues have been allowed to attain a dangerous supremacy, we recognize in the policy of the Democratic party, that which rests upon the Constitution as its basis; and that it is the party which above all others has, in the language of the illustrious Madison, ever continued "to hold the union of the States as the basis of their peace and happiness; to support the Constitution, which is the cement of the Union, as well as its limitations as its authorities; to respect the rights and authorities reserved to the States and to the people, as equally incorporated with an essential to the success of the general system; and to avoid the slightest interference with the rights of conscience or the functions of religion, so wisely exempted from civil jurisdiction."

Resolved, That by the general consent of the wise and virtuous of all nations, the framers of the Republic of the United States, exhibited in their individual characters and in the result of their public deliberations, a degree of virtue and a practical statesmanship, to which the history of the world affords no parallel; that in no part of the Federal Compact is the wisdom of our fathers more conspicuous, than in leaving the whole question of slavery to the States in their separate capacities; and that in the provision for the redelivery of fugitives escaped from labor or service they demonstrated a sense of justice—an appreciation of the value of the Union—an attachment to its preservation—an avoidance of one-sided philanthropy, and impracticable theories of government—which present a proper example for the guidance and imitation of us, their descendants.

Resolved, That we look only to the Constitution, and the exposition thereof which has been afforded by the practice of Democratic administration, for the chart of our policy. That these constitute, till the fundamental law is changed by methods which itself provides, the highest law of our obedience as citizens; and that we utterly discard that partial and exaggerated sympathy, the attempt to carry which into practice, is at the peril of our dearest interests as a nation, and threatens the infliction of evils of tenfold magnitude to those which it professes to heal.

Resolved, That the equality of the States is the vital element of the Constitution itself, and that all interference with the rights of the States by those who seek to disregard the sacred guarantees of the past, and by all others, should be rebuked with the same spirit that would denounce and repudiate all attempts to erect odious distinctions between those who are entitled to share the blessings and benefits of our free institutions.

Resolved, That the effort to extend the power of the Government by anti-slavery agitation, under the various names and phases of Free Soilism, Anti-Nebraskaism, Fusionism and Republicanism; and by interfering with the rights of conscience in establishing a religious test as a qualification for office, by the corrupt establishment of the Know-Nothing, is opposed both to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution, and to the earnest teachings and practice of its earliest and most honored administrators.

Resolved, That we are now as ever unalterably opposed to the doctrines and designs of all organizations which contemplate the overthrow of the civil and religious rights of the citizens, the equality of the citizen, the equality of the States; that the States is a sacred and inalienable right, never to be interfered with by factious parties and reckless legislation, without a subversion of the primary objects of our political system, and a repudiation of the guarantees of the past and the hopes of the future.

Resolved, That in the repeal of the act known as the Missouri Compromise act, and the passage of the act organizing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska, free from unconstitutional restrictions, the last Congress performed a work of patriotic sacrifice in meeting the demands of sectional excitement by unshaken adherence to the fundamental law.

Resolved, That this legislation cannot be deemed unnecessary, but that it was expedient to meet the questions of which it disposed, and which could never admit of a more easy settlement than at present. That we recognize in it the application to the Territories of the United States, of the rule of "equal and exact justice to all men" of all sections of the confederacy, which was designed by the framers of our government, and which was defined as one of its essential principles by the immortal Jefferson.

Resolved, That the Democracy of Pennsylvania, following the council of some of the wisest statesmen of the north and south, were ready on more than one occasion in the past, to extend the Missouri Compromise line to the Pacific, so as to make it the basis of a final settlement of the question of slavery, in the Territories; but when this proposition was rejected in 1845, on the ground that it involved an undue concession to the south, by the very men who now clamor for a restoration of the Missouri line, there seemed to be but one wise alternative left, and that was to refer the whole question of slavery in the Territories to the people thereof, to be regulated as they might deem proper, and we therefore cheerfully extend our hearty support to the policy of the government as recognized in the Compromise measures of 1850, and embodied in the laws organizing the Territories of Kansas and Nebraska.

Resolved, That unwarrantable indications point to the Hon. JAMES BUCHANAN—distinguished alike by his high personal character, his tried Demo-