Resolved, That this Convention recognizing as a fact that the people of this State are groaning under the burden of grievous taxation, hereby determine to dispense with paid stenographic reports of its proceedings, and with the services of paid stenographic reporters

Beenteches

Oct 3 1878
Temporarily
disposed of
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Adopted
Oct 4 1878

Resolved

That this Convention now proceed to elections to fill vacancies in the following order

1st To fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas Morris of San Francisco

2nd To fill vacancy caused by the death of H H Haight of the 2nd Congressional District

3rd To fill vacancy caused by the death of G M Hamilton of Merced and Mariposa Counties

Pierson

Resolved that rule 71 be & the same hereby is repealed, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the printing of any resolutions or propositions heretofore presented—

Nail

Oct 14/78
4 Read and
Referred to Com
on Rules —

Com - reported
Indefinite Postponed

Ed F Smith
asst sec

Report adopted

Ind Pos

~~47~~

adopted
Oct 14/28
adopted
and so ordered
Ed Smith
Asst Secty

Barton

Resolved That the Superintendent of State Printing be requested to furnish to this Convention, at the earliest date possible, a statement showing the cost to date, of printing the resolutions and propositions relating to the new Constitution, that have been presented to this Convention.

Resolution

Relative to
Vacancy caused by
~~death of~~ insanity
of J Berry

Oct 21. 75

Read & ordered
laid on Table

Thornton
Asa Lee

Morland

4)

Whereas it has been suggested that there is now a vacancy in this Convention from the Counties of Siskiyou and Modoc jointly caused by the insanity of J. Berry the delegate elected by those counties.—

Therefore, Resolved, That this Convention on ~~the~~ Friday the 25th day of October 1878 at 11 o'clock A. M. proceed to the election of some qualified person to fill said vacancy.

Laid on table on
Motion of Mr. Larkin

Oct 22.

Resolution

Relative to names of members calling for Ayes + noes.

Oct 22. 78

Read + Laid over for one day

Thornton
Ass Sec

McFarland

24)

Notice is hereby given that I intend to move to amend Standing Rule No 24 by adding to the end thereof as follows: "And provided further "that the names of the members "voting the ayes and noes shall "be entered on the minutes of the "Convention"

Mr Farland

Said over one day.

Mr. Casserly

Resolution of inquiry on the Comptroller of State.

Oct 30. 1878

Read & adopted

Thornton

Ass Sec

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ad

Casserly

p. 4 of 4

Fourth: The amount of taxable property in the City of San Francisco and the amount of taxes levy thereon including the special taxes for the current fiscal year;

Together with any other information within his control, bearing upon the objects of this resolution.

Resolved,- That the Comptroller of State be and he is hereby requested to transmit to this Convention the following information namely. First.- The amount of the debt due by the State and how the same is held and at what rate of interest and the annual amount of interest payable by the State and on what account and for what purpose or purposes and how the interest bearing debt is held,- and if said debt is funded how it is funded:

And what have been the expenses of the State government for the last ten years including the present year.

Resolution of inquiry to comptroller 10-30-28 p. 1 of 4

Second, The amount of the debt, funded or floating, due by the cities of the State, including San Francisco, for the years 1875-6 and 1876-7 and the average rate of interest paid thereon and what was the taxable property of San Francisco for the years above mentioned.

Third. The total debt owed by the cities and counties of the State in the years above named and the total taxable property of such cities and counties in said years.

Laid on Table

Resolved — That it is the Sense of this Convention that — a Common law jury in criminal Cases of the grade of felony should not be denied or interfered with — All juries to be composed of 7

Barbour

Oct 31, 1/8
Read & Laid on
Table.

Thornton
ass sec

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Resolved That (480) four hundred
& eighty extra copies of Amend-
-ment No 4414 by Committee
on Corporations other than Municipal
be printed

Nov 8. 08

A true copy of a Resolution this day
adopted by Convention

Thomas
Asst Sec

~~of the deceased this Com~~

Resolved - That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to take charge of the remains of the deceased; ~~and~~ and to defray all necessary expenses in connection with the funeral ~~of the deceased~~ ~~[illegible]~~ out of the fund of the Chair.

Resolved that the Secretary be directed to forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Resolved that this Convention do now adjourn out of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Resolutions concerning the death of Keon J. McString

Nov 19. 78

Read & adopted

Thornton

Asst Secy

Jones

Whereas, We have been informed of the death of Hon. J. M. Strong, a delegate to this Convention from the Counties of Mariposa and Merced: Therefore

Resolved - That it is with a feeling of profound regret, that we have heard of the death of Hon. J. M. Strong, a delegate to this Convention from the Counties of Mariposa and Merced:

Resolved - That in his death, this Convention has lost an honest, faithful and worthy member, Society a useful and intelligent Citizen, and his family a tender and devoted parent:

Resolved - That in this hour of their deep affliction and grief, we tender to his family, our sincere Condolence, and profound sympathy.

Resolved - That as an evidence of our respect for the memory

Resolved, — That the Committee on Miscellaneous subjects be instructed to report to the Convention a section providing in effect, that members of this Convention shall not be eligible to any Office under the Constitution at the first general election after its adoption.

adoption —
strike out the words
at the first general election
after its adoption

Resolution

Relative to elligibility of members of this Convention to hold office

Nov 20. 1848

Read & laid on table

Thornton

asst Secy

Huestis

Resolution

Relative to assertion made by Mr Grace in debate.

Nov 21. 1848

Read & withdrawn by leave.

Thornton
Asst Regr

Barnes.

Whereas, the gentleman from San Francisco Mr Grace has publicly asserted in debate in this body as follows

"I know that there are gentlemen on this floor who have got retaining fees to stand up and try to gag down and defeat the will of the people in compelling the Rail Road Corporations in this State to do a legitimate, square honest business"

and Whereas the language above quoted amounts to the charge of an offense against the law of the land committed by some member or members of this body and to a charge of giving or offering a bribe to a member, or by corrupt means or device, directly or indirectly to control or influence a member in giving his vote.

Resolved - That the gentleman from San Francisco Mr Grace be and he is hereby requested to name the persons within or without this body whom he knows have entered into such corrupt agreement to gag down and defeat the will of the people to the end that the power of this Convention to punish such offense may be exercised pursuant to law,

Substitute

Resolved – That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to investigate the facts of the matters stated by Mr Grace and any other matters impugning the ~~[illegible]~~ integrity ~~integrity~~ of members, with power to send for persons and papers.

By Barbour

Sub. amendment to Barnes' resolution protesting assertions made by Grace

11-21-78

Amend by adding to the resolution, as follows:

And the gentleman from San Francisco, Mr Wilson shall be required to answer who are meant by "feathered bipeds" and by "communists"

Barbara

out of order

Amendment to Barnes' resolution protesting assertions made by Grace 11-21-78

PROPOSITION IN REGARD TO GRAND JURIES.

Resolved, That the Constitution be so amended as to authorize the Legislature to dispense with grand juries, by general laws, in such cases as it may deem proper.

Resolved, That this Convention hold a ~~evening~~ Session on the evenings of Monday and Tuesday November 25th and 26th 1878 commencing at 7 o'clock P.m. and that this Convention will ~~_____~~ on Wednesday November 27th at 12 o'clock M. adjourn until Monday December 2d 1878 at 2 o'clk P.m

Committee

Nov 26/78

Adopted

E. F. Smith

on sick

Obsequies

& Expense

of

J M Strong

Sacramento Nov. 26th 1878.

Mr President

Your Committee appointed on the 19th inst to make arrangements for the obsequies of Hon. J. M. Stong late a member of this Convention, beg leave to report that in the discharge of their duties they incurred ~~an~~ expenses to the amount of $290.50 for which vouchers are herewith presented -

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved that the Controller be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant in favor of the Sergeant at Arms for the amount of $290.50 to pay the ~~funeral~~ expenses of the obsequies of the late Hon J. M. Stong a member of this Convention and that the State Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay said warrant out of the funds appropriated to this Convention -

Resolved - that the per diem for the remainder of the session of this Convention which the late Hon J. M. Stong would have been entitled to as a member of this Convention be paid to the family of the deceased

S. A Holmes Chairman

Resolution
No

Relative to
Ice Co's Bill

Dec 3, 1/8

Read & referred
to Com on
Mileage & Contingent
Expenses

Thornton
asst secy

Dec 13 1/8

Reported back and
adopted

Thornton
asst secy

Wilbour

Resolved That the sum of Thirty three & 80/100 dollars be appropriated out of the funds for Carrying in this Convention to pay the bill of the Pacific Ice Company for the month ending Dec 1st 1878 and that the Warrant be drawn in favor of the Sergeant at Arms of this Convention.

Resolution
to

Relative to occu
pancy of Capitol
Building

Dec 5 th
Read and adopted
Thornton
Asst Secy

Martin of
Santa Cruz

Resolved that the Sergeant at arms be requested to inform this Convention by what authority, portions of this building appropriated for use of this body, are used by other parties for unlawful purposes. ~~Unit the selling of Liquor~~

Resolution

Relative to subsidy
to Texas Rail Road

Dec 6. 48

Read & laid on
Table

Thornton
and Healy

Dowling

Whereas, The Hon. Alexander H. Stephens has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives of the United States providing Government aid in building the Texas and Pacific Railroad, and as the Government is fully secured in said bill by a first mortgage on the road and on all the land granted said Railroad Company by the United States and the State of Texas, and;

Whereas by the provisions of said Bill the said Texas and Pacific Railroad is to remain forever an independent and Competitive trans-Continental line to be constructed solely by white labor, therefore be it

Resolved by the Constitutional Convention of the State of California, That our Senators and representatives in Congress be requested to support the said Bill and use all reasonable and honorable means to secure its enactment into a law—

Resolved that the Secretary be requested to forward to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress a Copy of these resolutions

Dowling

Resolution
to

Relative to leave
of absence

Dec 19. 1/8

Read & adopted

Thornton
Asst Secy

White

Resolved that it is the Sense
of this Convention that no indefinite
leave of absence be granted to
any Member after this date
except for the cause of Sickness.
~~and that if any Member shall~~
~~absent himself from the Con-~~
~~-vention without leave he do so~~
~~for the space of Seven days~~
~~this Seat shall be deemed to be~~
vacant and it shall be in order
for the Convention forthwith
fill such Vacancy by election
in accordance with the Law
covering this Convention.

Resolution
No

Relative to
adjournment

Dec 20. 0/8

Read & laid on
the Table

Thornton
asst secy

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Wilson of 1st Dist

Resolved - That when this Commission adjourns on tomorrow (Saturday) it shall adjourn until Monday Dec 30th next at 2 o'clock p.m.

Wilson

Lodt 91-21

Resolution to

Relative to discharge

of employes

Dec 20 98

Read & laid on

Table

Thornton

asst Secy

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Fletcher

Resolved:

That the further services of four Pages two door keepers. One Porter and one Mail Carrier be dispensed with and that the Sergeant at Arms be authorized to designate the persons to be retired.

Laid on the table Fildes.

Resolution No

Relative to unexpended appropriation

Dec 21. of 8

Read & laid on Table

Thornton

Asst Secy

Reddy

Whereas

The balance of appropriation for this Convention amounts to about $39.00= which is about two days pay for the members: Therefore Be it Resolved

That the members receive for three ~~two~~ days Certificates- and that the Money above referred to be set aside for the Expenses of this Convention

Patrick Reddy,
Jno O'Meara
Committee

Resolution

Relative to appointment of asst Journal Clerk

Jany 24/79

Read & referred to Com on Mileage & Contingent Expenses

Thornton
asst secy

Jan. 27, 1878

Adopted in Convention.

J. M. Wright
Asst. Secretary

Townsend

Resolved, that the President be and he is hereby authorized to appoint an assistant Journal Clerk for this Convention whose salary shall be ~~five~~ dollars per day.

Townsend

Jany 24th 1879

Resolved That the practice of one member giving time to another results only in prolonging debate and delaying the proceedings of this Convention and is an evasion of Rule 43 and Resolved that the practice be from this time discontinued

Inman

Resolution

Relative to extension of time to Speakers

Jany 24 '79

Read & adopted
Thornton
Asst Secy

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Inman

Resolution
for the appoint-
ment of a
Committee to
draft Address
to the people
of the State

Jan. 27, 1878
Laid on Table
J. M. Wrights
Asst. Secretary

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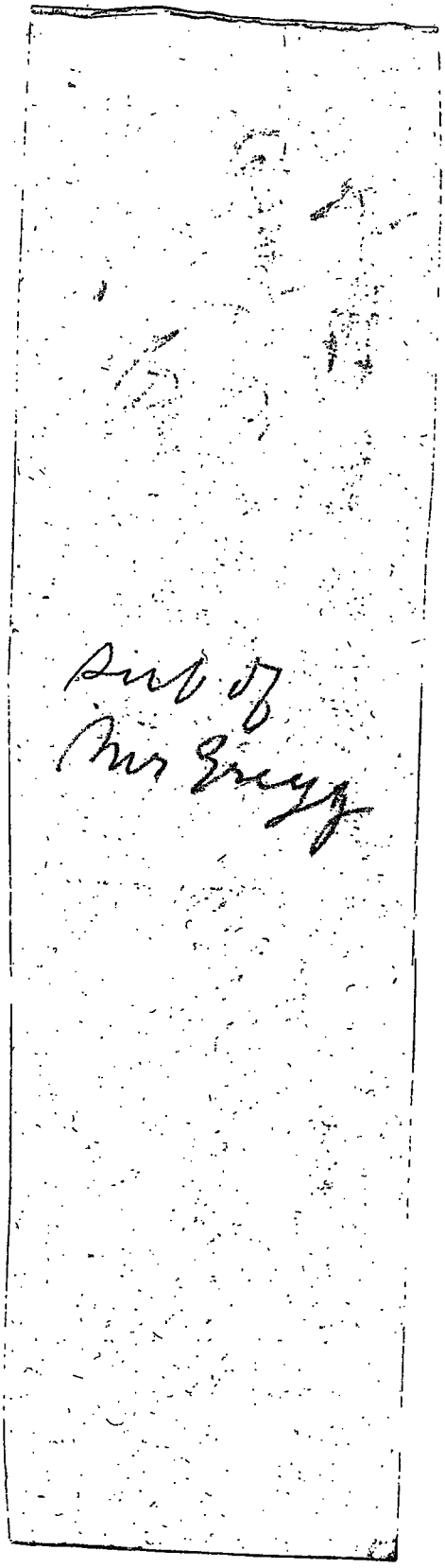
Finance

Resolved

That the President of this Convention is hereby authorised to appoint a Committee of five members of this body, whose duty it shall be to draft and publish a memorial to the people of this State such recommendation as they may think proper in regard to the adoption of the Constitution framed by this body. Said memorial or recommendation to be ratified by this Convention before publication

Timmins Cable

Resolved that A. C. Maud of Kern County be appointed Night Watchman ~~by the~~ at a salary of $5 per day



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Send the following Message, subject to the above terms, which are agreed to. ....M.

To..

J. S. Davis

Comd &c

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..........Words. Sent at..........M., by..........

Resolved: That when the Convention adjourn to-day it adjourn to Monday the 10th instant at 10 o'clock p. m.

Resolved

That James Saulter
be and he is hereby appointed
Watchman of this Convention
at a Salary of $5 per day the
same to date from the beginning
of the session.

substitute by Conn

Resolved That in passing upon any question submitted to this Convention the qualifications of its members included this Convention disclaims all powers except such as are given them by the existing Constitution and the laws enacted agreeing therewith.

Resolved That the New Eugene Lawson is not entitled to a seat in this Convention.

Resolutions

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