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THE STATE CONVENTION

TICKETS AT THE BOX OFFICE DELEGATES DENIED ADMITTANCE

GOVERNOR WARMOTH WARNED OFF BY A UNITED STATES SOLDIER

DEPUTY MARSHALS FULLY ARMED THEY ADJOURN TO THE TURNER HALL

Soon after nine o'clock yesterday morning the gentlemen who were elected delegates to the Republican State Convention might have been seen wending their way to the money order office in the Postoffice, where a large crowd soon assembled, and were kept waiting for their tickets, which should entitle them to admission.

About half-past nine Mr. C. W. Lowell stated that the advertisement had been put out without authority; he ordered the people out, saying the tickets would be given out at the window. Many, after waiting, failed to get their tickets.

Finally ninety delegates, headed by Governor Warmoth, proceeded to the United States Customhouse. Upon their arrival there they found the doors of the building closed and barricaded, guarded by about fifty deputy marshals with badges and armed with pistols.

In the large rotunda there were a number of United States troops under arms. They found the courtroom closed, and were refused admittance. Finding this condition of things, the delegates, after a few minutes' consultation, agreed to adjourn to the Turners' Hall.

Governor Warmoth then addressed a few words to the delegates, in the middle of which the officer in charge of the two troops, laying his hands upon Warmoth, told him he would not be allowed to proceed. The Governor then announced that while they bowed to the authority of the United States, they would adjourn to the Turners' Hall.

At the conclusion of the Governor's address to the crowd, and when a proposal was made to adjourn to Turner Hall, a determined and persistent push was made by a body of men wearing marshal's badges to crowd the Governor and the friends immediately surrounding him down the steep and dangerous stairway leading from the main entrance.

A loud cry of horror went up from those overlooking the proceedings from the galleries above, and shouts of "the Governor is crippled," "the Governor is crippled," were raised in warning tones. But a stout body of friends surrounded his Excellency and prevented his crutches being kicked from under him.

As the enthusiastic shouts of the adjourning members rang through the building, the martial bugle responded in peremptory tones to the troops to be on guard; but this was a superfluous precaution.

The delegates then left the Customhouse. The enthusiasm of the large crowd which had assembled in Canal street was such that when Governor Warmoth got into his carriage the people took his horses and drew him in his carriage to the Turners' Hall.

It took some time to arrange the seats and prepare the hall. At twelve o'clock the meeting was called to order by Senator A. B. Harris, of Concordia.

On motion of Hugh J. Campbell, E. H. Master, of Carroll parish, was elected president of the Convention. W. F. Blanchard, of Morehouse, was elected secretary pro tem.

St. Tammany—E. P. Chatters. St. Landry—C. Donato, E. Gantt. Tangipahoa—A. J. Johnson. St. Bernard—Thomas Ong. Claiborne—W. Jasper Blackburn. Union—James E. Trimble. Caddo—M. Stretett, S. Armstrong. Rapides—G. Y. Kelso, John Mayo, William Crawford.

Webster—George L. Smith. East Feliciana—J. J. Perry. West Feliciana—Henry Perkins, A. A. Milligan. Orleans—Richard—W. T. Oliver.

First Ward—Thomas Isabelle, J. P. Murphy. Second Ward—H. C. Dibble, C. F. Glau-din. Third Ward—Patrick Creagh, A. Cartwright, A. W. Smith, Joseph Johnson.

Fourth Ward—P. B. S. Pinchback. Fifth Ward—E. Aleix, P. Montaine, Henry Reis. Sixth Ward—H. J. Campbell. Seventh Ward—H. E. Loy, W. J. Moore, P. Griffin.

Eighth Ward—H. V. Leclere. Ninth Ward—Henry Charnot, David Douglas. Tenth Ward—H. C. Warmoth, E. P. Ducloussac. Eleventh Ward—F. J. Herron, Ed. Williams.

Twelfth Ward—W. G. McConnell. Thirteenth Ward—C. B. Augustus. Fourteenth Ward—W. R. Fish. Fifteenth Ward—A. Jackson, C. P. Ames, David Mason.

The committee on permanent organization reported the names of the following gentlemen as officers: President—P. B. S. Pinchback. Vice-presidents—H. J. Campbell, Oscar Crozier, Emerson Blyler, Mortimer Carr.

Secretary—William Vigers. Assistant Secretary—John W. Fairfax. Sergeant-at-Arms—J. A. Craig. Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Valmir Shadrack, W. P. Collins.

The committee also recommended that a committee of seven be appointed on resolutions. The report was adopted, and the officers were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Campbell moved to appoint a committee of seven on resolutions—Campbell, Dickey, Cage, Baby, Stretett, Twifield and Bentley.

The convention adjourned until half-past seven o'clock this evening, in Turner Hall. Evening Session. The convention met last evening at eight o'clock in Turner Hall, P. B. S. Pinchback, president, in the chair.

The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. Among the spectators there was quite a sprinkling of the Customhouse adherents, who, no doubt, came to see for themselves how things were conducted.

The contrast could not have failed to impress them—the absence of any tickets of admittance for delegates, the absence of armed deputy marshals, United States troops under arms, Gatlin guns, and the admission of all to see and hear the proceedings.

The roll was then called, and one hundred and seven members answered to their names. Rev. Mr. Armstrong offered up a prayer. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The committee on resolutions reported progress and asked for further time. Mr. Harris moved that the committee be allowed until to-morrow at 12 M. Carried.

Mr. N. Underwood offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the convention do create an executive committee for the State—two to be elected from each congressional district, and ten to be appointed by the president of the convention; the president to be ex-officio chairman of the State Central Committee.

are men it won't do to fool with. Was it fair to ask us to go there, and run the risk of being blown up because we preferred Warmoth to Packard? There are men all over the North who to-night are busy writing articles denouncing this gross outrage.

The special committee to whom the resolution of Mr. Underwood was referred, reported the following resolution: Resolved, That there shall be a State Central Committee, to be composed of twenty-one members. The delegates in this convention for each Congressional District shall elect two members, the president shall appoint two members from the State at large, and he shall be ex-officio a member and president.

Resolved, That this committee shall act until the assembling of the next Republican State Convention. The committee shall call a State convention in time for the selection of delegates to the national convention for the nomination of President in 1872, and this committee of five be appointed in each Congressional District for the nomination of members of Congress.

Resolved, That there shall be a central Internal Revenue and Sundry Revenue district, composed of five members, who shall be elected by the delegates in this convention from the respective districts. They shall serve until the expiration of the term of the State committee.

Upon motion the resolutions were then adopted. Mr. J. W. Swords offered the following resolution: Resolved, That the president of this convention appoint a committee of twenty-five Republican citizens of Louisiana, to visit Washington and represent to the President the actual condition of affairs in this State, with special reference to the unwarrantable action of the federal officers, and demand the removal of the following gentlemen from the office of Marshal Packard, and the Collector of the Port of C. W. Lowell, Postmaster; P. F. Herwig, Special Deputy Collector; S. B. Packard, United States Marshal; B. E. Joubert, United States Assessor; and C. S. Stockdale, Collector of Internal Revenue.

It was moved and seconded that the resolutions be referred to the committee on resolutions, which was carried. Mr. Carr moved that the convention take a recess for the purpose of acting upon the resolution of Judge Dibble.

F. J. Herron offered the following amendment: Resolved, That the delegates from the parishes and wards composing the several Congressional districts meet in this hall to-morrow at 11 A. M., to select two persons from each district to serve on the State Central Committee.

It was moved and seconded that Mr. Carr's motion be laid on the table, which was carried. The resolution of F. J. Herron was then put to the vote, and carried.

The convention then adjourned till to-morrow at 12 M. There was the utmost good feeling throughout, and the audience was entertained occasionally during the evening by Jaeger's band.

At the Customhouse. Eighty-five delegates marched in a body to the Customhouse with tickets of admittance, but were refused admittance into the hall by deputy United States marshals, supported by two companies of United States troops, stationed near the door of the United States courtroom, selected as the hall of the Convention. Governor Warmoth at the head of the delegates asked for admittance of himself and delegates to the hall. The deputy marshals refused to admit them. The Governor again demanded admittance and was again refused, but was told that he, if he chose, could enter the hall. The Governor replied that he would not go into the hall unless the balance of the delegates, having tickets, were admitted.

The marshals still refusing to admit the delegates, they retired to the head of the Customhouse stairs, right in front of the line of United States troops with muskets stacked.

A chair being brought, the Governor rose and said: Fellow Republicans: We have submitted to the dictation of the State Central Committee this far. We have consented to meet in the Customhouse, and to assemble in the Customhouse, although that building is without the jurisdiction of the State of Louisiana. We have consented to come here, notwithstanding the fact that the hall was reserved by an army of United States deputy marshals. We have consented to take such tickets as they were willing to give us; but we have come here to-day, legally constituted delegates of the State, to represent their wishes, and to express their will. We are refused admittance to the hall of the convention, and these deputy marshals, backed up by the United States troops, have determined we shall not have a fair expression of our opinions, and that the Republicans here assembled shall have no part or lot in the public deliberations of the State.

(Just here Captain Smith, commanding the military, pulled the Governor's sleeve, and whispered something to him, when the Governor continued in respectful obedience to the mandates of the military power, and having been refused admittance to the hall designated by the State Central Committee as the place for the assembling of the convention, he proposed that we now adjourn to the Turner Hall and hold the convention there.)

The delegates then followed the Governor down the stairs, rolling up cheer after cheer for Governor Warmoth. They were met at the door of the Customhouse building by thousands of enthusiastic Republicans, who echoed their cheers till the granite building rang again, and called upon the Governor for a speech. He began to address the crowd on the steps in front of the main entrance, but was forced out of the building by the pressure of the crowd inside striving to get out.

At this point Mr. Blanchard, brother of State Registrar, B. P. Blanchard, Esq., says he saw a man wearing the badge of a deputy United States marshal, draw a pistol and present it at the Governor, but that Mr. William Roy, the deputy marshal in command, told him to put it up.

The Governor then mounted his carriage and addressed the people, informing them that the convention was adjourned to the Turner Hall. On a sudden and electric impulse the indignant populace unthrottled the horses from the Governor's carriage, and with one huge cheer started at a frenzied run for the Turner Hall. Their ranks augmented at every step by numbers of enthusiastic supporters, whose cheers were only limited by the supply of oxygen in their lungs. Thus borne, in a sort of prophetic triumph procession, the Governor and his friends reached the place of meeting.

incidents and speeches not coming under the official red tape routine. State Senator A. B. Harris called the meeting to order. He said: Gentlemen of this Convention: You will have come to order to-day to have conferred in pursuance of an adjournment at the Customhouse this morning. It is well known that when we reached that building we were met by a body of United States marshals and their companies of United States soldiers on guard. We found the United States courtroom, in which the Convention was to be held, closed, and upon going to its door we were refused admittance. Finding that no convention could ever be held there we adjourned that convention to this hall; and it is my pleasing duty as a member of the State Central Committee to call this convention of the Republican party to order.

Mr. Masters, of Carroll parish, having been nominated as president pro tem, and Mr. W. F. Blanchard secretary pro tem, committees on credentials and on permanent organization were appointed.

A recess was then taken, but the incessant calls for Governor Warmoth brought the Governor to his feet. Governor Warmoth said: I thank you for the kindness and for the affection you have shown me to-day. It is to me a satisfaction to be in the midst of you, and I am glad to see that the Republicans of the State of Louisiana have stood by me in this contest with usurpation of authority—in a contest with men who have tried to pack a Republican convention without any purpose whatever but to perpetrate their own existence. We immediately went to work to elect delegates to represent us in this contest, and we have done so. We did not do that, that throughout the length and breadth of this great State letters were sent to every leading Republican, attempting to set our friends, both black and white, against the leaders of the party. These men did not hesitate to send letters in which they said: "You must not trust any white man, but must send only black men to the convention." [The speaker then read a letter which they circulated every plausible falsehood against the officers of the State government and against the men who have kept together the Republican party in this State and have remained true to their principles. [Cheers.] The result is this, that a convention is called in this city, and notwithstanding that the resolution calling for the adjournment indicates a meeting at the Customhouse, with Collector Casey, struck out the name of the hall indicated in this resolution, and published it without any notice of meeting. We raised no question even on this point, but we said when they gave us notice of the place of meeting we will be there. ["Good" and applause.] They gave us notice yesterday morning, "Will you be at the Customhouse?" That they would hold the Convention in the United States courtroom, and that no man should pass the door of the hall who did not have a ticket from the United States Marshal. 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