

LIBERAL STATE TICKET RATIFIED

THE LIBERAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

SENTIMENTS OF THE SPEAKERS

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Liberal Republican delegates who left the Pinchback State convention...

The secretary, Mr. B. P. Blanchard, called the roll of delegates, showing that twenty-eight delegates...

Ascension—L. E. Bentley. Assumption—C. S. Abell, C. P. Wiggin.

West Baton Rouge—Robert Morris. Bienville—F. J. Coleman.

St. Charles—Peter Harper, E. Henderson, J. M. Bayler, James Warfield, W. M. Austin, J. M. Cox.

St. Martin—L. P. Davy, Emerson Bentley, Tangipahoa—A. J. Johnson, Jackson Mar-

Terrebonne—R. W. Francis. Vermilion—C. H. Romick, Loty Brizga.

First ward—St. Thomas Isabelle, E. W. Woodruff, J. S. Nobles.

Second ward—W. H. Fabozan. Third ward—William Walsh, T. H. Daly, Thomas Lynn.

Fourth ward—J. W. Donnelly, Edward Heald. Fifth ward—J. A. Raynal, William Vi-

Sixth ward—H. J. Campbell. Seventh ward—J. Moore.

Eighth ward—Daniel S. Depass, I. Whitlow. Tenth ward—P. C. Romick.

Eleventh ward—H. G. Pearson, E. C. Vanlandingham, C. H. Heazey, N. H. McKeown, George W. Carter.

Twelfth ward—W. G. McConnell, George Billy, E. C. Johnson, M. C. Carroll.

Thirteenth ward—John Garstka, O. H. Whitley. Fourteenth ward—W. R. Fish, R. W. Todd.

Fifteenth ward—J. H. Camp, H. Carroll, W. W. Freeman.

Sixteenth ward—E. Gant, C. Donato, St. Landry, was elected a vice president of the convention.

On motion of Hon. O. F. Hunsaker, John Hedgepath, of St. James, was elected an assistant secretary.

Colonel G. W. Carter moved that a committee, consisting of seven delegates, be appointed by the president to draw up a suitable platform and resolutions to be adopted by the convention, and that the committee retire at once, and report to the convention as soon as practicable. Carried.

Hon. O. F. Hunsaker moved that a committee of three be appointed by the president to wait on Charles Sumner, of the Liberal candidate for governor, and request him to address the convention. Carried.

The president appointed as such committee O. F. Hunsaker, Henry Dennis and H. L. Swords.

The president appointed on committee on resolutions and platform: Hon. George W. Carter, C. Donato, J. C. Oliver, Samuel Armstrong, Robert Gant, L. J. Jones and Emerson Bentley.

On motion of J. Sella Martin, of Caddo, addressed the convention, pending the report of the committee on resolutions. He referred to the platform of the Liberal party, and that when the right hand of fellowship was extended to the convention up stairs and repelled with unparalleled discourtesy, he upon it as a stain which we can never atone by a proper apology, standing until the negro forgets his prejudices, as the white man has forgotten his.

As the Southern has already forgotten the wrong of the past, and the colored men forget their late triumphs and unite, as I was in advance of the feelings years ago, as I might now, and I am just as convinced that ten years will prove me right as the last ten years have shown the triumphs of abolitionism when the prospects looked dark.

I have no doubt that a majority of the people up stairs believe they are right, and they sincerely believe that the Liberal would be jeopardized by going with the Liberal movement. I think they acted on their sympathies instead of their reason; they are organized in such cabals it is impossible to reach them with reason. I believe they are perfectly honest. Those men who have got hold of them have used their influence to keep the colored man under a system of vassalage within the party lines. Are not the principles of the Liberal equally Republican with those of the people up stairs? Had Mr. Packard had at least one of the success of Republican principles, why is he staked to an uncertain name? We hold on to them and defeat compromise. Then, having failed in compromise, where is their boasted republicanism? They came here to meet us on a strong ground, and they believed they would never have rejected the Liberal party and body of their whole concern, George W. Carter (Applause) There is only one thing they are afraid of, and that is smart men—any man who knows more than they do. There is one thing I do not allow them to kick me twice, I hold, nor have I ever held, any office of my own seeking.

We will have to go into the parishes and fight. It will be said only a handful of negroes went with this side; but it is better that the colored people should compromise with the people of the parishes rather than surrender their rights to the cabals in the city of New Orleans. When the colored people get rid of prejudices they carry on the same platform with the country and unite in one policy. Lieutenant Governor Pinchback said his people could tell them a hundred truths or a hundred lies and it would not alter their opinions, owing to their lack of intelligence, or something or other. I would rather have those who could reason and argue with them than submit to unreason.

Talk wine nothing, I believe in walking

of the ranks of the Liberals if we are not treated right, just as I have out of their parties.

It was announced that Colonel Penn would address the convention in the course of an hour.

N. Underwood, of East Baton Rouge, offered a resolution for the appointment of a State central executive committee, which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Resolved, That this committee be authorized to confer with the Liberal party.

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George W. Carter, Emerson Bentley, J. C. Oliver, Samuel Armstrong, C. Donato, L. B. Jenks.

The names of Greeley and Brown were received with loud applause.

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Mr. Underwood—I move the report be received and adopted.

Colonel Carter—I will make a few remarks explanatory of the resolutions. There are many men who have joined the Liberal movement on principle, many who have joined it because Greeley is a worthy man. But we have joined it because such a mongrel lot of welps is hitched on to the Republican ticket that we infinitely prefer a honest compromise, Cincinnati and Academy of Music, to any such a set of Bonnds.

Peter Harper—I am in favor of the resolutions, because I want the ticket successful throughout the State. But I yield my support in the view that such a ticket will be made as will rally round the ticket a large body of Republicans.

The chair—Those in favor of the resolutions will please rise, those contrary no. A wild chorus of yeas.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Colonel Penn here being introduced stepped forward and said: I have joined the present Liberal movement because I believe, it is the only means by which the white and black people can come together on the same platform. And as for myself, if I am elected, I will pledge myself to carry out the principle without regard to color or condition.

Governor Wash was enthusiastically received, and, stepping forward, said the present cohesion was that the Republicans invite all parties to shake hands across the political chasm which has previously divided the people of Louisiana. He said he here not to find out which way the political weather-cock stands. I think the action you will take will be infinitely more acceptable than the action of the convention people up stairs. (Cheers.) I believe "our friends up stairs" hate Grant as much as you do, but, awayed by different motives, set against their friends. The Liberal movement will succeed.

There will be, if no objection, a recess of fifteen minutes to permit, so said the president, of your making the acquaintance of the members of the convention.

A numerous body of men now approached and went into the hand-shaking business with good will, and at the end there were three cheers given and given for Colonel Penn with unanimity.

George W. Carter, of Orleans, moved that the president of this convention be added to the Central Executive Committee.

Hon. Hugh J. Campbell addressed the convention saying that the time had now come when all Republicans should enter the house which is the central Executive Committee. He said that the Republicans had had Republicans the courage and the manliness, they would come out as Mr. Pinchback did a few days ago, and announce themselves in favor of Greeley and Brown, standard bearers of the Cincinnati platform.

There was much exhibition of feeling at the speech of General Campbell.

Mr. O. E. Van Creen, of Caddo, was called for and addressed the convention.

Mr. President and gentlemen of the convention—I thank you for the honor you have conferred by calling upon me to address you. I will state, gentlemen, that I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat, but an office seeker, but a square Republican on principle, belonging with soul and body to the Liberal movement, and ready to work for its success at the coming November election. Having heard several eloquent speakers to-day I have only a few remarks to make. It is strange to me to witness that some of the colored population of this State have so soon forgotten the blood shed for their emancipation, and that some of their intelligent leaders are blinded in such a manner as to cast their future rights into the hands of the Democrats and conspirators, Packard & Co. How is it possible to select for leaders such a dangerous firm for their safeguard who dared to vote, during their last year's mob, the name of Charles Sumner, the most sacred rights of the citizens of Louisiana.

Gentlemen, I return to my parish with the conviction that our delegation has done its duty, and I will not be disappointed if our friends that our convention has, thank the Lord, broken the chains of radicalism and joined hands with the Liberal movement with the unanimous purpose of redeeming Louisiana from the tyrannical rule of the federal officials who have disgraced the position they occupy.

I can assure you, gentlemen, that the majority of my parish and neighboring parishes, will heartily endorse our action, except those so-called Customhouse Radicals, and some old Democrats, who are willing to swallow any of the McEnery, Packard, or other ticket, and who are not willing to stand by the side of the Liberal ticket. We all know that they were a failure at the start in our parish, and that that part of the colored element now opposed to us were able to read the newspapers and to see the result of the election and their rights, I am confident that four-fifths of them would cast their votes for us for the expulsion of radicalism and the inauguration of a just and fair administration under Charles Sumner.

Would you believe, gentlemen, if I tell you that even General Grant is going to come out for Greeley? Well, gentlemen, that day is not far distant, and the fourth of March, 1873, General Grant will come out of the White House and make place for Old White Hat. You all believe that, don't you? (Tremendous applause.)

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