

CHICAGO.

THE CONVENTION IN SESSION.
HAWLEY PERMANENT PRESIDENT—
THE PRESIDENCY IN DOUBT—

CHICAGO, May 20.—The first day of the session of the Republican National Convention was characterized by unanimity and enthusiasm. Although the Opera House in which the Convention was held accommodated only about 4,000 persons, nearly twice that number were packed within the building.

When Gov. Ward stepped forward he was received with applause, and his speech was listened to with close attention. His assertion that neither armed treason nor political treachery could prevent the fulfillment of the mission of the Republican party, thrilled the audience who arose and gave three tremendous cheers.

As Gen. Schurz ascended the platform, escorted by Col. Thompson of Indiana and Lyman Tremain of New-York, the Convention rose and gave him three cheers. His speech was excellent, cogent in statement, and bold and brave in spirit.

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seats on the floor. Then the Committee on Rules reported. One of these rules was that no candidate should be nominated until the platform had been formed.

The Kansas delegation held a meeting this morning to take action upon the treachery of Senator Ross, the following was adopted: Whereas, E. J. Ross was elected to the United States Senate by the State of Kansas upon solemn pledges that he has been and would prove true to the cause of justice, truth and the Republican party;

Resolved, That we, the Delegates to the National Republican Convention, do hereby condemn the treachery of Senator Ross, and we therefore demand his immediate resignation, and we therefore demand his immediate resignation, and we therefore demand his immediate resignation.

The hotels present a busy scene to-night. The large number of strangers in the city concentrate mostly at the principal hotels, and keep up the excitement from early morning until late at night.

The nomination of Grant being a foregone conclusion, all interest is centered on the Vice-Presidency. This appears to overshadow every other question. The feeling that we must have no more Tylers, or Fillmores, or Johnsons prevails, and has been made a kind of watchword to-night.

But though the contest is bitter and is vigorously fought, the utmost good feeling prevails. Whoever will be nominated will receive the solid support of the whole party. It is a noticeable feature of the contest that it is free from that malignity, personal and political, which usually characterizes such encounters.

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The delegates called to order. Gov. Ward, Chairman of the National Republican Committee, called the delegates to order at 12 o'clock. He said: Delegates to the National Convention of the United States: You have assembled at the call of the National Committee to nominate its standard bearer for the ensuing campaign—to declare your unswerving attachment to Union and Liberty, and to pledge your support to the cause of the Republic.

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On motion of Mr. McClure the roll was called for the Committee on Order of Business, which resulted as follows: Alabama, Geo. M. Reynolds, Kansas, C. W. Bookout, Arkansas, H. H. Garrison, Kentucky, Thos. J. Pickens, Colorado, K. P. Chapin, Louisiana, W. P. Harrison, Delaware, Isaac Johnson, Massachusetts, Estes Howe, Florida, B. Chamberlain, Michigan, W. B. Williams, Georgia, Daniel G. Cofer, Minnesota, A. S. Rice, Illinois, E. A. Storer, Mississippi, D. M. Williams, Indiana, Geo. K. Steele, Missouri, J. W. Bell, Iowa, N. H. Hall, Nebraska, A. S. Rice, Nevada, Geo. R. Leonard, S. Carolina, J. P. M. Collins, New-Hampshire, Edwin Farr, Tennessee, H. B. Lewis, New-Jersey, Theodor G. Coffey, Texas, H. C. McCard, New-York, G. R. Barker, Vermont, Geo. C. Shepard, North Carolina, P. F. French, Wisconsin, John O'Brien, Ohio, J. L. Tonic, Virginia, H. C. McCard, Pennsylvania, E. C. Corcoran, Wisconsin, A. J. Turner, Rhode Island, W. H. Reynolds.

The Convention reassembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 6 o'clock. The Committee on Credentials had not been ready to report, and the Convention adjourned until to-morrow.

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