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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

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FIRST DAY.

CHARLESTON, Monday, April 23.—The quadrennial convention of the Democratic party of the United States, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, this morning assembled in the city of Charleston, at the Institute hall.

The convention is composed of delegates elected by the Democratic organizations of the several States, numbering two for every Presidential election to which each State is entitled.

The National executive committee, in issuing tickets of admission, followed the rule recently adopted in parliamentary and deliberative bodies, of admitting to the hall only such delegates as held *prima facie* evidence of having been elected by regular organizations, excluding from the State of New York those known as the "Wood delegation," and from the State of Illinois those known as the "Administration delegation."

The seats were so arranged as to give to the delegation from each State the exclusive occupancy of a particular section of the hall.

The gallery on the right was assigned for the use of ladies, and was partially occupied. The other galleries were assigned to such members of the press and others who could not be accommodated on the floor of the hall, and to other invited spectators.

At 12 o'clock Judge Smalley, of Vermont, chairman of the National Democratic committee, called the convention to order and said:

GENTLEMEN: We are assembled on this occasion as a National Democratic convention, convened by the National Democratic committee in pursuance of authority conferred upon them by the last national convention holden in Cincinnati, for the purpose of selecting candidates for President and Vice-President, to be supported in the coming canvass by the Democratic party of the country. The first business in order will be the election of a temporary presiding officer. Gentlemen will please nominate.

Mr. McCook, of Ohio, presented the name of Francis R. Flournoy, of Arkansas.

Judge Smalley put the question on the nomination, and Mr. Flournoy was elected by acclamation.

The President *pro tem.* was then escorted to the chair by Messrs. McCook, of Ohio, and Jackson, of Georgia, and was received with applause.

The President *pro tem.*, on taking the chair, said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION: I thank you most sincerely for the honor you have done me, and I shall endeavor so to demean myself as to bring about a speedy organization of this body. Again thanking you for the honor you have conferred, I enter upon the discharge of the duties you have assigned me. (Applause.)

The proceedings of the convention were then opened with prayer, by Rev. Dr. Hanckel, of this city.

Mr. Fisher, of Virginia. Mr. President, we are not yet organized, as I understand, even temporarily, and to complete that temporary organization, I nominate as temporary Secretary, Wm. F. Ritchie, of Virginia; after which I have another proposition to present.

The nomination was received and carried by acclamation.

Mr. Ritchie took his place as secretary.

Mr. Fisher. I now ask that the chairman of this convention have read a communication which I am commissioned to present; and upon which, having been presented, I shall base a resolution.

Col. Winston, of Alabama, objected to any thing being done except business relating to the organization of the convention.

The President *pro tem.* The point having been raised, the chair will decide, nary thing out of order except the organization of the convention.

Mr. Fisher. It relates to the organization. Of course I should not, at this stage of the proceedings, present any matter not connected with the organization of the convention.

The President *pro tem.* If it relates to the organization, it is in order.

Mr. Fisher (taking his position at the secretary's table). Now, sir, I will read the communication, and then offer my resolution.

Mr. John Cochrane, of New York. I claim, sir, to be heard for one moment before that communication is read.

Mr. Fisher. That is the question in issue. I have the floor.

Mr. Cochrane. I have the floor, and until I am interrupted by the order of the president, I propose, with the permission of the convention, to retain it. [Applause.] I rise, sir, to a question of order. This convention has now only a purely temporary organization. Before any permanent organization is effected, the gentleman from Virginia proposes that a certain communication be read. Now, sir, in our unorganized condition, it is beyond all precedent, so far as I, in my experience, have learned, for the convention to listen to any communication from any source having no connection with our permanent organization.

Mr. Lawrence, of Louisiana. I raise the question of order, that the gentleman from New York has no right to the floor.

Mr. Cochrane. I am upon the floor upon a question of order. I raise the question that the gentleman from Virginia must first read his resolution, and then it will be competent for the president and the convention to determine whether the communication on which the resolution is based is in order; for manifestly, confessedly by every principle of common sense, if the resolution is not in order, the communication is not in order, and cannot be in order. I submit, therefore, that the communication cannot be read until the resolution has been presented, and I call for the reading of the resolution.

Mr. Fisher. It shall be read with the permission of the chair.

The President *pro tem.* The resolution may be read by general consent. The chair supposes there was no objection to the reading of the communication. If there is no objection, the chair will put the question whether it shall be read. [Shouts of Read! Read! and No! No!]

Mr. Pugh, of Ohio. The proper course, in accordance with all parliamentary precedent, is for the gentleman first to state the substance of his communication. If there be no objection, of course it could be read. If otherwise, the question could then be put whether it should be read or not. I hope the gentleman to state the substance of his communication.

Mr. Fisher. I would have stated the substance with a great deal of pleasure; but I have had the permission of the chair to read it, and I will now read it.

The President *pro tem.* The chair would like to know whether the gentleman presents his communication from the delegation of his State?

Mr. Fisher. It is from a State delegation.

The President *pro tem.* It will be more regularly in order when the delegation of Virginia is called.

Mr. John Cochrane. It is essential to the business of this convention that we should proceed in order. We have no rules to govern us; I move, therefore, that the rules of the last national convention be adopted until further provided.

Mr. Fisher. You may do that when you get the floor, but you cannot do it now.

Mr. Cochrane. I have been recognized by the chair, and if the chair decides that I am not in order, I will respectfully submit.

Mr. Fisher, (somewhat excited.) No, sir, I am on the floor, and I alone. I insist on the reading of my resolution.

The President *pro tem.* The chair has already decided that the gentleman from Virginia will not be in order until his State is called.

Mr. Fisher. Virginia, sir, is not responsible for my actions here. I am commissioned simply as a delegate to this convention, to present this communication, and I demand the right of presenting it.

The President *pro tem.* The chair has decided the gentleman from Virginia to be out of order, and he hopes the convention will sustain him in his decision. [Cries of "good," "that's right," and great applause.]

Mr. Fisher [growing more excited]. I do not mean to yield my rights. I am on the floor and no man shall take me from it. [Cries of order and applause.]

The President *pro tem.* The gentleman is out of order.

Mr. Cochrane. I call for a vote upon my motion. [Shouts of "question," "question."]

The President *pro tem.* then put the question in the affirmative on Mr. Cochrane's proposition.

General Walker, of Alabama, rose and, standing on his chair, demanded to be heard.

The President *pro tem.* The gentleman is out of order. The chair will entertain nothing while he is putting the question.

A delegate from Louisiana. You have a right to be heard. Don't give up.

General Walker continued to demand a hearing amidst shouts of "order," cries of "hear him," "sit him down," and "put the question," and tumultuous confusion.

The President *pro tem.* The chair has decided the gentleman to be out of order, and will hear no proposition unless he appeals from the decision of the chair.

General Walker appealed from the decision of the chair.

The President *pro tem.* The question is—"Shall the decision of the chair stands as the judgment of the convention?"

General Walker. Sir, sir, I demand to be heard upon the appeal. [Shouts of "order," "sit down," "go on," etc.

The president *pro tem.* What is the question the gentleman submits? The chair will hear it.

Gen. Walker (coming down and taking his stand at the secretary's table.) That is all I want. I am not here as a disorganizer, but I have the right to be heard and I intend to be heard.

The president *pro tem.* Well, state your proposition, and then the chair will decide whether it is in order.

Gen. Walker. I will state it. The gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Fisher) has stated that the communication which he wishes to read has reference to the organization of the convention. Now, when the gentleman makes that statement, he has the right to read the communication, and to present his resolution based upon it. That is the question I submit.

The president *pro tem.* The chair has already decided that question, and has admitted an independent proposition offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cochrane.)

Gen. Walker (getting on the top of the Secretary's desk.) The gentleman from Virginia has the right to offer his resolution, and I demand that he shall have the opportunity.

The president *pro tem.* The gentleman is out of order.

Gen. Walker (very much excited.) The gentleman from Virginia shall be heard.

A delegate from Louisiana. Appeal from the decision of the chair.

Gen. Walker. I do appeal from the decision of the chair.

Gen. Walker continued for some minutes so the secretary's table to speak vehemently, but the shouts of "order" and "question" all over the hall, and the intense confusion that prevailed, prevented anything he said from being heard in the reporter's seat.

The president *pro tem.* put the question sustaining the decision of the chair, and the decision was sustained by an overwhelming majority.

The president *pro tem.* then stated the question on the motion of Mr. Cochrane, of New York, that the convention adopt the rules of the last National convention, until further directed.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Fisher, of Virginia. Now I have the floor, and no power can put me down. I will read the resolution, and the chair can decide whether it is in order or not.

The President *pro tem.* The chair has decided the gentleman to be out of order, and the convention has sustained his decision.

[The communication in the possession of Mr. Fisher, which he wished to have read, was understood to be from Mayor Wood, of New York, to the convention, setting forth that the delegation represented by him were the regular delegates from that State, and the resolution to seat the delegation of no member of the New York delegation admitted on the floor, be permitted to participate in the proceedings of the body until the contest shall have been settled.]

Mr. Cook, of Ohio, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of one from each State be selected by the delegations thereof, to report permanent officers for the convention.

Mr. Fisher, of Virginia. Now I propose to amend that resolution. I have the right to offer an amendment, I suppose.

Mr. Barksdale. Is that resolution amendable?

The President *pro tem.* It is, if the amendment be germane.

Mr. Fisher. I want to amend by substituting the following: "Whereas, it appears——"

The President *pro tem.* (peremptorily). The chair has decided the gentleman's proposition to be out of order.

Mr. Barksdale, of Mississippi. I offer the following as an amendment to the resolution proposed by the gentleman from Ohio:

Resolved, That a committee on credentials be appointed by the several delegations respectively, to be composed of one from each State in which there is no disputed delegation, whose duty it shall be to report to the convention the delegates who are entitled to seats upon this floor.

Mr. Richardson, of Illinois. Mr. President, I hope my friend from Ohio will accept the proposition of the gentleman from Mississippi. [Cries "yes" and "no," and applause.] There is a contest in the State from which I come. I want this convention and the country to see upon what it is based. I want to show you, gentlemen, the materials that they bring here to make a contest out of. [Applause.] However humiliating it may be to me at this period of my life to have to contest my right to a seat here with recruits of yesterday in the Democratic party, I am willing that you shall decide the question, and I want no member of our delegation on the committee that is to pass upon it. I do not know how it may be in respect to other States, but, so far as Illinois is concerned, the contest is the most frivolous and contemptible ever presented before any body in the world. [Loud applause.]

Mr. Cochrane, of New York, obtained the floor.

Mr. Lawrence, of Louisiana. I rise to a point of order. My point of order is, that no gentleman from the State of New York has yet been admitted as a delegate upon this floor, and, therefore, no gentleman from that State can have a right to speak here.

Mr. Cochrane. Will the gentleman please to state his point of order in such an intelligible manner that we from New York can hear and understand it.

Mr. Lawrence. It is that no delegation from the State of New York has yet been admitted into this convention; that there is no contest for the seats from that State, and that until that question is settled, New York has no right to speak in this convention. [Loud applause.]

Mr. Cochrane. I will propound this question to the gentleman: by what right does he hold his seat upon this floor?

Mr. Lawrence. As one of the delegates from the State of Louisiana, whose seats are uncontested.

Mr. Cochrane. And as delegates from the State of New York, by the same right and no other, we hold our seats. [Great applause.]

Mr. Lawrence. It is well known that there are two sets of delegates from the State of New York, both equally respectable, and entitled to the attention of the convention.

The President *pro tem.* The chair rules all this discussion out of order. It is a matter for the convention to determine who are the regular delegates. We are not yet an organized body—a convention. This is not the time when it can be legitimately decided. There is a proposition now pending to appoint a committee on credentials, and they will report upon these matters.

Mr. Barry, of Mississippi. I suggest to the gentleman that we cannot proceed until we know who are the members.

President *pro tem.* The chair has just decided that question.

Mr. Barry. I make the suggestion in this connection, that if we have the committee on credentials first, the convention will not be able to organize until that committee reports.

Mr. J. Cochrane, of New York. The floor has been assigned to me, and unless the gentleman rises to a point of order, it certainly cannot be taken from me.

Mr. Barry. I did not know that the gentleman from New York had the floor. I thought that he had abandoned it.

Mr. Cochrane. Certainly not. It was taken from me in a point of order.

Mr. President: I was heartily pleased to hear the remarks which fell from my friend from Illinois, (Mr. Richardson) in regard to the amendment of the resolution which has been proposed. That amendment meets the unqualified and unanimous approbation of the delegation from New York. [Great applause.]

We are here, as we maintain, representing the regular standing orthodox organization of that State. But notwithstanding that position, we are not actuated by such folly as to suppose that there may be no controversy as to the position we may take, and whether these gentlemen come with claims of greater or less magnitude, in our consideration, when the appeal is made to equity that the contestants should be heard, we are content that they shall be heard.

We, of New York, have never been educated in that school of ethics or politics, which would insist or maintain it to be the right that there who are litigants should be the judges of their own case. Sir, if the proposition was made by this convention, that we, of New York, should sit in adjudication of the matter in controversy in that State to which we are parties, we should most respectfully decline it. We would decline it in the first place as men and as gentlemen, and in the next place, as men clothed with the robes of Democratic regularity, and wishing to submit ourselves to the decision of our coadjutors. I hope that the amendment will prevail.

Mr. Hamilton, of Maryland. I desire to ask the gentleman who offers this amendment, whether he proposes to exclude States from positions in this convention, where there is only a single contested seat? (Cries of "Oh, no.")

Mr. Hamilton. All right.

Mr. Pugh, of Ohio. I do not wish to prolong this discussion; but let the States which are disputed be named in the resolution. Let the gentleman from Mississippi name in his resolution the States which he proposes to exclude.

Mr. McCook, of Ohio. I will accept the amendment proposed by the gentleman from Mississippi, with the understanding that it is to extend simply to the delegations which are contested entirely; but this language extends to any State in which there is a contest of even a single seat. If the gentleman will so qualify it as to apply merely to the contest of an entire delegation, there is no objection to it. It has always been the usage of Democratic conventions to exclude from the committee on credentials the delegation from the State upon which such contest arises, and we ask for nothing else here.

Mr. Barry, of Mississippi. If the resolution as proposed now should be adopted, there can no organization until after the committee reports, which may be four or five days. It will be better that the committee on organization should be first appointed, to consist of one from each State represented, and when the convention is organized, then we can appoint a committee on credentials, because we are now proceeding in an inorganic condition to act on what will be the vital question of the convention next to the question of platform and the question of nomination.

Mr. Clark of Missouri obtained the floor, and called for the reading of the resolution and amendment.

Mr. Barksdale, of Mississippi. I have modified my amendment so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of one from each State be selected by the respective delegations, except New York and Illinois, whose duty it shall be to select permanent officials for the organization of this body.

I will state to the convention that this amendment is offered to obviate difficulties with gentlemen interested in the contested seats.

Mr. Mathews, of Mississippi. I desire to offer an additional amendment.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri. I claim the floor.

Mr. Mathews. The chair recognized me.

Mr. Cochrane, of New York. I am constrained to rise to a point of order. I submit that the amendment is not germane to the original resolution.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri. I agree with the gentleman from New York, that the substitute is not germane to the resolution, and that it is out of order. Sir, the object of the resolution offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. McCook), is to effect a permanent organization of this body. We meet here as delegates from the several States, and prima facie every gentleman who received a ticket from the national executive committee, appointed by the convention at Cincinnati, is a delegate [Applause], and no State ought to be excluded from the committee on organization, because the seats of its delegation are contested. Sir, a committee on credentials will be raised for the very purpose of reporting to the convention who parties are, with a permanent seats here, and any attempt to settle such questions in our present partially organized state, can only throw us into disorder, and produce confusion and division. Sir, we should treat every gentleman who has been admitted upon the floor, as a delegate, until the contrary appears. I hope, therefore, that the original resolution will be adopted, and upon it I demand the previous. [Applause.]

The President *pro tem.* The chair hopes he may be forgiven for his own inability to distinguish gentleman from Ohio (Mr. McCook) accepted the proposition of the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Barry]?

Mr. McCook. I did accept his amendment in part. I agree with him fully in reference to the committee on credentials, but not in reference to the committee on organization; for if his views be correct in reference to the latter, this convention must be detained, without an organization, until after the committee on credentials can report. I remember that in the last convention the State of Missouri, although her delegation was contested, was represented on the committee to select permanent officers, but when the convention came to select a committee on credentials, and Missouri had named one, his name was stricken from the committee for the reason that no man should be the judge of his own cause. But for the purpose of mere organization, of selecting permanent officers for the convention, it has always been the course, no matter how many States might be contested, that the persons who had the *prima facie* right to seats upon the floor should be recognized.

Mr. Richardson, of Illinois. The substitute offered by the gentleman from Mississippi, (Mr. Barksdale,) varies from that originally offered by him. His original proposition had reference only to the committees on credentials. The gentleman from Ohio, (Mr. McCook,) proposes to raise a committee on organization. The gentleman from Mississippi moves to amend that by excluding two States in which there is said to be a contest from that committee, whereas they ought to be excluded from the committee on credentials. There is no reason why the States of Illinois and New York should be excluded from the committee on organization. [Applause.] There are two reasons which I think should be satisfactory to myself, why I should not sit on the committee in the contested case from Illinois; but there is no reason why a member of my delegation should not sit on the New York case. But when you come to exclude not only from the committee on credentials, but from the committee on organization, about a dozen members of two States in this convention. [Great applause.] That is wrong.

Judge Meek, of Alabama. I desire to raise a point of order which I am satisfied will meet the approval of all gentlemen. I think no business by way of resolutions is in order until the delegates have enrolled their names. We do not know of whom this body is composed. The first business should be to call the States and let the delegates enrol their names. It is not known now who compose the body. It will not appear upon the journal who are the delegates, unless the names are first enrolled. Let the States be called in the usual geographical way, and when we come to New York and Illinois we can pass them by temporarily until the delegates from those States from which there are no contestants have enrolled their names, and then we can consider these other propositions. Then there will be some delegations here regularly upon the floor to act in reference to this question. I make the suggestion to the chair as a question of order that the States should be called and that the names of the delegates should be handed in.

Mr. Richardson, of Illinois. So far as the proposition of the gentleman from Alabama is concerned, when we get our tickets from the committee appointed at the last Democratic convention, they decided who were entitled to enter this hall, and it will be a useless waste of time to enrol the names now.

Judge Meek. Well, let us know who those are who have received tickets, so that their names may appear upon the journal. I am not questioning the action of the committee at all, but I insist that it is proper that the name of all the delegates should be recorded upon the journal before we act upon any other question.

Mr. Barksdale, of Mississippi. I wish to make a simple statement in reply to the remarks of the gentleman from Illinois and Ohio.

Judge Meek. I trust the chair will first decide my point of order.

The President *pro tem.* The chair overrules the point of order.

Judge Meek. I bow to that decision.

Mr. Barksdale, of Mississippi. I desire to correct the misapprehension in regard to the gentlemen from Illinois, Augusta, Georgia, (Mr. Richardson and Mr. Cook) labor. Is, doing so, I distinctly disclaim any intention to discuss the merits of the claim upon which these gentlemen assert their rights to seats upon this floor. I think that, in the convention of 1852 and 1856, there were contested seats, and upon both of those occasions, neither delegation was permitted to have a voice in the organization of the convention. In proof of that fact, I hold in my hands the published proceedings of those conventions.

Mr. Craig, of Missouri. If the gentleman from Mississippi will allow me, I desire to correct the misapprehension into which he has fallen. In 1856, there were two sets of delegates at Cincinnati from the State of Missouri. One of those sets of delegates was admitted upon the floor, and cast the vote of the State upon the question of organization.

Mr. Cessna, of Pennsylvania. I do not desire to address any remarks upon either of the two propositions now before the convention. There is a resolution pending, offered by the gentleman from Ohio, (Mr. McCook) and an amendment offered by the gentleman from Mississippi, (Mr. Barksdale.) I move, as an amendment to the amendment, to strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert in lieu thereof, the following:

"That there shall now be two committees appointed, each to consist of one member from each State, to be selected by the respective delegates thereof—one a committee on permanent organization, and the other a committee on credentials—and that in determining the contesting in regard to the disputed seats from the State of Illinois, the member of the committee on credentials from that State shall not be permitted to vote therein. And in determining the controversy from the State of New York, the member of the committee from that State shall not be permitted to vote upon the question."

I now move the previous question.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri. I ask the gentleman to withdraw the demand for the previous question for a moment?

Mr. Cessna. I will do so if the gentleman will renew it.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri. Certainly, I will do so. I have before me the proceedings of the Cincinnati convention, and I find that a resolution was there adopted for the appointment of a committee of one from each State to nominate permanent officers for the convention, and that Missouri had a member on that committee, although the seats of her delegation were contested. I now renew the motion for the previous question.

Judge Meek, of Alabama. I call for a vote by States on the adoption of the substitute of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, (Mr. Cessna.) There is no evidence in the possession of the secretary who are the members of the convention, and we must, therefore, demand a vote by States, as we are entitled to do.

The main question was then ordered.

The question was taken, and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 256, nays 47. The following is the vote, viz.:

States.	Yeas.	Nays.
Maine	8	0
New Hampshire	5	0
Vermont	5	0
Massachusetts	13	0
Rhode Island	4	0
Connecticut	6	0
New Jersey	7	0
Pennsylvania	27	0
Delaware	3	0
New York	35	0
Virginia	15	0
Maryland	8	0
North Carolina	10	0
South Carolina	8	0
Georgia	10	0
Alabama	9	0
Louisiana	6	0
Missouri	9	0
Arkansas	4	0
Illinois	11	0
Ohio	23	0
Mississippi	7	0
Texas	4	0
Florida	3	0
Tennessee	12	0
Kentucky	12	0
Wisconsin	5	0
Iowa	4	0
Michigan	5	0
California	3	0
Oregon	3	0
Minnesota	4	0
	256	47

So the amendment proposed by Mr. Cessna was agreed to.

Mr. Fisher, of Virginia, protested against the vote of New York being counted, and demanded that his protest should be entered on the journals.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Mr. Cessna moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and also moved to lay the motion to reconsider upon the table.

The latter motion was agreed to.

Mr. Matthews, of Mississippi. I desire to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the delegations from the States of New York and Illinois, whose seats are contested, be requested not to participate in the proceedings of this body until the committee on credentials shall have determined and reported to this convention which of said contestants are entitled to their seats.

Mr. Payne, of Ohio, moved to lay the resolution upon the table.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri. The resolution of the gentleman from Mississippi is clearly out of order. It is the same proposition, in substance, which we have just voted down.

Mr. Bishop, of Connecticut. I rise to a question of order. My point of order is that a resolution having passed here to appoint two committees, the next business in order is to proceed to the appointment of these committees, and that nothing else is in order until that business is disposed of.

The President *pro tem.* The chair overrules the point of order. We can dispose of the matter just as soon by taking the vote on the motion to lay on the table.

Mr. Clark, of Missouri. I object to the delegation from the State of New York voting on this question, on the ground of interest, and I make the same objection to the delegation from Illinois voting.

The delegation from Mississippi demanded a vote by States.

The question was taken, and it was decided in the affirmative; yeas 250, nays 43. The following is the vote by States:

States.	Yeas.	Nays.
Maine	8	0
New Hampshire	5	0
Vermont	5	0
Massachusetts	13	0
Rhode Island	4	0
Connecticut	6	0
New Jersey	7	0
Pennsylvania	27	0
Delaware	3	0
New York	35	0
Virginia	15	0
Maryland	8	0
North Carolina	10	0
South Carolina	8	0
Georgia	10	0
Alabama	9	0
Louisiana	6	0
Missouri	9	0
Arkansas	4	0
Illinois	11	0
Ohio	23	0
Mississippi	7	0
Texas	4	0
Florida	3	0
Tennessee	12	0
Kentucky	12	0
Wisconsin	5	0
Iowa	4	0
Michigan	5	0
California	3	0
Oregon	3	0
Minnesota	4	0
	250	43

So the resolution was laid upon the table.

The convention then proceeded to appoint a committee on credentials and a committee on permanent organization, under the resolution already adopted, by roll of the States being called, and the delegation from each State naming a member of each of said committees.

The following are the committees thus appointed:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.—C. D. Jameson, Maine; A. P. Hughes, New Hampshire; Stephen Thomas, Vermont; Oliver Stevens, Massachusetts; George H. Brown, Rhode Island; James Gallagher, Connecticut; Delos De Wolfe, New York; A. R. Speer, New Jersey; H. H. North, Pennsylvania; W. G. Whitely, Delaware; W. S. Giffingy, Maryland; E. W. Hubbard, Virginia; R. R. Bridges, North Carolina; B. F. Perry, South Carolina; J. Hartridge, Georgia; W. M. Brooks, Alabama; W. S. Barry, Mississippi; F. H. Hatch, Louisiana; James B. Steiman, Ohio; G. T. Wood, Kentucky; W. H. Carroll, Tennessee; E. A. Hall, Indiana; W. J. Allen, Illinois; John M. Krum, Missouri; Van H. Manning, Arkansas; Benjamin Follett, Michigan; C. E. Dyke, Florida; E. Grier, Texas; D. O. Finch, Iowa; P. H. Smith, Wisconsin; John S. Dudley, California; H. H. Sibley, Minnesota; Lansing Stout, Oregon.

COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION.—W. H. Burrill, Maine; B. S. Webster, New Hampshire; H. E. Stoughton, Vermont; C. W. Chapin, Massachusetts; John N. Francis, Rhode Island; E. Cleveland, Connecticut; S. F. Fairchild, New York; Robert Hamilton, New Jersey; J. Cressna, Pennsylvania; J. R. Pennington, Delaware; John R. Emory, Maryland; John Branson, Virginia; W. A. Mole, N. Carolina; B. H. Wilson, S. Carolina; J. H. Lumpkin, Georgia; A. B. Meek, Alabama; Charles Clark, Mississippi; T. J. Epps, Florida; Emile LaSere, Louisiana; F. R. Lubbock, Texas; John J. Stirman, Arkansas; N. B. Churchill, Missouri; T. M. Jones, Tennessee; C. Cecil, Kentucky; George W. Houk, Ohio; S. K. Wolf, Indiana; A. M. Harrington, Illinois; A. C. Baldwin, Michigan; E. S. Bragg, Wisconsin; E. H. Thayer, Iowa; J. T. Rosser, Minnesota; G. W. Patrick, California; John K. Lamerick, Oregon.

Mr. Buckirk, of Indiana, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the States be called in their order, and a list of the delegates from each State furnished to the secretary; and whenever there is a contest the papers relative to such contest be referred to the committee on credentials.

Mr. Lawrence, of Louisiana. I move to amend that resolution by adding "and that the letter of the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. Fisher) be read and referred to the committee on credentials," the chair having stated that the letter should be read at the proper time.

Mr. Cochrane, of New York. I move to amend the amendment so as to provide that the letter be received, and, without reading, be referred to the committee on credentials.

Mr. Lawrence. The chairman stated that it should be read.

The President *pro tem.* The motion of the gentleman from New York is in order.

Mr. Cochrane. I call the previous question on the amendment.

Mr. Lawrence. I think the gentleman from New York has no right to speak on this question at all. It was agreed that the letter should be read when the proper time arrived. We ask that it shall be read, and we ask nothing more than we have a right to ask.

The previous question was then ordered, and under the operation thereof, the amendment to the amendment was agreed to, and the amendment as amended adopted.

The question then recurred on the resolution as amended.

A delegate from Arkansas desired, before the question was put, to hear the amendment, to offer an amendment, requiring the committee on credentials to vote so as to show how each delegate voted.

Mr. Buckirk, of Indiana. We are acting under the operation of the previous question, and no other amendment can be offered.

The president *pro tem.* That is very true. The previous question has been ordered and no other amendment in order.

The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Vancey, of Alabam. I rise to offer a resolution to which I presume there will be no objection. It is thus:

Resolved, That the committee of arrangements be requested to obtain the leave of the city authorities of Charleston to have the hall in front of this building covered with sawdust or straw.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Payne, of Ohio, submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of one delegate from each State, to be selected by the delegations thereof, be appointed to report resolutions in relation to the platform of the Democratic party be referred to said committee on presentation without debate.

Mr. Bishop, of Connecticut, that this was the usual resolution on that subject.

Mr. Dawson, of Pennsylvania. It is always in order to move to adjourn. I make the motion that the convention adjourn to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

A delegate from Pennsylvania raised the question of order, that the motion to adjourn, and to fix the time to which the convention will adjourn, were distinct motions, which could not be united in one; and that should the motion of his colleague prevail, and the convention adjourn on that motion, it would adjourn *sine die*.

The president *pro tem* stated that the resolution to adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock, was in order.

The convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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