

COUNTING THE VOTE

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Harrison and Morton Formally Declared Elected by the Two Houses of Congress in Joint Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The chamber of the House presented a lively scene this morning. Although nothing of a sensational character was expected, the galleries were filled an hour before noon by a crowd of interested spectators, who were eager to witness the ceremonies attending the counting of the electoral vote.

At 11:45, the Assistant Doorkeeper requested all persons not entitled to the privileges of the floor to retire, and the crowd in the corridors was augmented by a number of stragglers who had been loitering back in the seats of members, lazily surveying the surroundings.

At noon the Speaker's gavel hushed the hum of conversation, and the Chaplain made the following invocation: "God of our fathers, as the Senate and the Representatives of the people will presently assemble in Congress to announce and record, according to prescribed form, that Benjamin Harrison and Levi P. Morton have been chosen, by the suffrages of their fellow citizens, to the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, we humbly and devoutly pray that Thou wilt have them and their families in Thy sacred care."

The certificates from California and Connecticut were thus disposed of. Cox of New York then rose and said that he desired to call the attention of the presiding officer to the language of law of February 3d, 1887.

The presiding officer said that debate could only be had by unanimous consent. Cox replied that he did not desire debate. He desired to call attention to the language of the law: "On such reading of any such certificate, the President of the Senate shall call for objections, if any, after the reading."

The certificate from Delaware was then read, and the presiding officer asked: "Is there objection to the electoral vote of the State of Delaware?" There being none, the count was proceeded with.

A smile ran over the assembly when by a slip of the tongue Mr. Ermentrout announced that the electors of Florida had cast four votes for Levi P. Morton for Vice President.

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After a pause, Senator Manderson said: "The tellers have examined the different certificates presented to them and find but one in duplicate that is certified by the Governor of the State of Oregon over the great seal of that State. It seems to be in due form and by it, it appears that Benjamin Harrison of Indiana received three votes for President and Levi P. Morton three votes for Vice President."

There was no objection to the vote being so counted. The certificates from the remaining States having been examined by the tellers and their contents announced to the joint assembly, a full of a few minutes enabled the tellers to foot up their figures.

Then Senator Manderson, on behalf of the tellers, announced the result of their labors. The presiding officer, upon receiving the result, said: "The state of the vote for President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows: The whole number of electors appointed to vote for President of the United States is 401, of which a majority is 201. Benjamin Harrison of Indiana has received 233 votes, and Grover Cleveland of the State of New York has received 168 votes. The state of the vote for Vice President of the United States, as delivered to the President of the Senate, is as follows: The whole number of electors appointed to vote for Vice President of the United States is 401, of which a majority is 201. Levi P. Morton of the State of New York has received 233 votes, and Allen J. Thurman of the State of Ohio has received 168 votes. This announcement of the state of the vote by the President of the Senate is, by law, a sufficient declaration that Benjamin Harrison of the State of Indiana is elected President of the United States and that Levi P. Morton of the State of New York is elected Vice President of the United States, each for the term beginning March 4th, 1889, and will be entered together, with the list of votes, on the journals of the Senate and the House of Representatives."

No demonstration of applause followed this declaration, and Senator Ingalls proceeded: "The count of the electoral votes having been concluded and the result declared, the joint meeting of the two houses is dissolved, and the Senate will now return to its chamber." In five minutes the Senators had retired, but it required a much longer time to induce the ladies to vacate the chamber.

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The first speaker, Jens Christensen, editor of the Arbeiter Zeitung, ridiculed religion in general and Christianity in particular, and spoke of socialism as the only true doctrine for the government of nations or individuals. He was followed by E. A. Stevens, secretary of the National Secular Union. Mr. Stevens declared that any man who attempted to force the people to believe in any religion or to observe the Sabbath was a public enemy.

Anarchist Paul Grottkau spoke in German, asserting that there was a conspiracy of bishops, cardinals and capitalists to force the discussion of religion, so as to smother the great social question. They also sought to train up the children in superstitious slavery. He warned them against this programme, "for," said he, "the time is at hand when the people by force will take the government into their own hands."

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