

from the throne of God, Himself. I thank you for your kindness and your patience.

Mr. WILLIAMS. I move the Convention adjourn.

The motion prevailed, and the Convention adjourned.

NINTH DAY.

BISMARCK, *Friday, July 12, 1889.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, the PRESIDENT in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. KLINE.

THE BOUNDARY QUESTION.

The resolution of Mr. PURCELL which was made the special order for the day was then read as follows, slightly amended:

Resolved, That the delegates appointed by this Convention to form a part of the Joint Commission to settle and adjust the indebtedness and divide the property, be also empowered to temporarily settle and fix what shall be the seventh standard parallel, until such time as the true line shall be ascertained.

Mr. LAUDER. I would ask for information whether or not a Commission has not been appointed by the South Dakota Constitutional Convention to confer with us on this matter of the boundary of the two states? I am of the opinion that a committee for that purpose has been appointed. If this is so, it seems to me that the Convention should appoint a committee to meet them, and this matter should not be referred to the Commission for the division of property.

Mr. PRESIDENT. The Chair has no information of any such committee. The Secretary says he understands that the matter has been referred to the Commission of seven.

Mr. LAUDER. I have no definite information on the subject, but I thought I saw that there was a separate and distinct committee.

Mr. ROLFE. Is it a fact that in the mind of the general government there is no dispute in regard to where this Seventh Standard Parallel runs? Is it not a fact that in the land department the United States Government knows where this line runs? If

not, must there not be considerable confusion in the department itself in regard to the adjustment of section lines that are supposed to run on this seventh standard parallel?

Mr. HARRIS. If I understand the situation it is this: Before Dakota was surveyed by the United States authorities the Sisseton reservation had been surveyed without reference to the regular surveys. The survey of that reservation placed this parallel about four and a half miles north of what the regular survey of the land department placed it. The seventh standard parallel is produced due west by the land department surveys, beginning at a point on the Minnesota line outside of the Sisseton reservation west, clear through Dakota. The only question is in regard to that point of the Sisseton reservation which runs across this line. There is no question, as I understand it in regard to any other part, except that which runs through this reservation, a distance of about twenty-four miles.

Mr. LAUDER. That is as I understand the matter, but we have no information as to when the Sisseton reservation will be opened for settlement, or when the line will be established. The people living along that line should know in which state they live and where they are to pay their taxes. That matter is now, and has been for some time in confusion. In view of the fact that we don't know when the survey will be made, it seems to me that the Convention should take some action that will settle that line.

Mr. PURCELL. I understand that the line is also in dispute between the counties of Sargent and Marshall—in fact, clear through to the Missouri river. My intention in introducing this resolution was that some committee might be appointed that could, in conjunction with a committee appointed by the South Dakota Convention, come to some temporary understanding. They might for the time being fix the line which would for the time be recognized as the line between the two states. There is a mile and a half in dispute. The people living in Roberts county claim that we have a mile and a half of land that belongs to them, and the people in that vicinity are undecided where they live—whether in North or South Dakota. It is giving considerable trouble, and for the purpose of getting out of all this trouble and vexation I have introduced this resolution.

The substitute motion was carried.

A QUESTION OF PRINTING.

A number of resolutions and articles were introduced and

Mr. PURCELL said: It seems to me that it is unnecessary to print these resolutions till they are reported by the committee. The appropriation being limited, it seems to me that a great deal of it will be eaten up by printing. I would move that no resolution be printed till it is reported by the committee.

Mr. WILLIAMS. It seems to me that that would hardly be a wise provision. Every member would like to be posted as to what articles are pending, and how are we to know the substance of those articles unless they are printed? I think every member of the Convention should have a knowledge of the provisions that are pending in committee before they are reported.

Mr. STEVENS. If we were not to print these, but were simply to act in accordance with the resolution that is offered, it would be unnecessary to have these articles offered at all. We might better adopt a rule at once that when any member has any resolution or article to offer, he should hand it to a committee. The object of introducing them in the Convention is that the members may know the subject that is to be acted on by the committee, and then after having seen the different resolutions that have been handed in, they will be better posted as to whether or no they are what they want. Otherwise, the members not having given the various matters the attention that the committees have, they would be likely to at once adopt a committee's report, when it would not, if proper attention had been given to the subjects, be the desire of a majority of the members. If the resolutions are printed, each member will be permitted to study and decide upon which of these measures he would rather adopt when it comes to final action. I think it would be the best course as a means of education of the members to allow all resolutions that are offered here to be printed, that they may study them over at their leisure.

Mr. PURCELL. When I made this motion I was under the impression that every resolution that is offered here goes into the Journal, and when the Journal is distributed it contains a copy of the resolutions offered on that day. If that is true it seems to me to be unnecessary for us to have printed these resolution on a separate piece of paper, for this matter of printing is going to amount to a good deal of money. But if the Journal contains every resolution offered, that would be sufficient information for the members of this Convention.

Mr. PRESIDENT. The Chief Clerk says that the Journal will necessarily contain all resolutions proposed for adoption in the Constitution.

Mr. PURCELL. Then I will ask that my motion simply refer to resolutions and does not include articles of the Constitution.

Mr. STEVENS. I move that the Journal shall also in addition to the resolutions include articles proposed for the Constitution.

Mr. STEVENS' amendment was adopted.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved that this Convention do order that all county officers now holding office in the proposed State of North Dakota remain in office and draw their salary until the end of the term for which they were elected, and that their bonds hold good for the same period.

Mr. SCOTT. I move that the matter be referred to the Committee on Schedule.

Mr. ROLFE. I move that the article be referred to the Committee on County and Township Organization. The Committee on Schedule does not appertain necessarily to counties and townships, and can have nothing to do with this subject.

Mr. SCOTT. If it is not the purpose of the Committee on Schedule to deal with such a resolution as this, then I would like to know what the Committee on Schedule is for. We have to decide whether or not we shall have a general election this fall, or whether for the purpose of changing our form of government from that of a territory to that of a state we shall allow the officers now elected to hold over. All the provisions for their holding over, if we decide to make such provisions, will, I suppose, be contained in the Schedule. We cannot put it in and have it a part of the permanent Constitution. All matters of a merely temporary nature go into the Schedule.

Mr. SPALDING. It seems to me that we should instruct the Committee on Schedule to incorporate such an article in their report.

Mr. LAUDER. The report of the Committee on Schedule may be amended if it does not contain this provision.

Referred to the Committee on Schedule.

Mr. CARLAND. I move to adjourn.

The motion prevailed and the Convention adjourned.