

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

BOISE CITY, IDAHO, *July 4, 1889, 12 A. M.*

FIRST DAY.

GOVERNOR SHOUP in the Chair.—The convention will please come to order. Gentlemen, the hour has arrived under the call of Governor Stevenson for the formation of a constitution for the State of Idaho. What is your pleasure?

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

A MEMBER. A short time ago the members of the convention were assembled in a caucus for the purpose of recommending officers for the temporary organization of the convention, and in pursuance of the expressed wish of that caucus, I now present the name of the Honorable John T. Morgan as temporary chairman of the convention.

(Seconded).

CHAIRMAN. Gentlemen, the Honorable John T. Morgan of Bingham, has been nominated as temporary president of this convention. Are there any further nominations? In the absence of rules, I will call the ayes and nays. As many of you as are of the opinion that John T. Morgan should be temporary president of this convention will say aye; those contrary, no. (Vote).

The ayes have it. John T. Morgan is duly elected.

Gentlemen of the convention, I have the pleasure of introducing to you the Honorable John T. Morgan of

Bingham, who has been duly elected temporary president of this convention. (Applause).

Mr. MORGAN. Gentlemen of the convention, I gratefully appreciate the great honor that you have conferred upon me in selecting me as temporary chairman of this convention, a body of men so distinguished as those who have been elected to form this constitution. I am not going to make a speech to this convention on its temporary organization. I have only this to say, that Governor Stevenson has issued a proclamation, calling upon this territory to select delegates to form a constitution for the future state of Idaho. These delegates have been selected and are now here. This proclamation of Governor Stevenson has been supplemented by the proclamation of our present Governor, His Excellency, George L. Shoup. For the performance of the duties that devolve upon you, it becomes necessary now for us to make arrangements for the permanent organization. Gentlemen, I await the pleasure of this convention.

A MEMBER. In order to complete the temporary organization, I now move that Mr. Reid of Nez Perce, be appointed temporary secretary of this convention. (Seconded).

CHAIRMAN. It is moved and seconded that Mr. Reid of Nez Perce be elected as temporary secretary of this convention. Are you ready for the question? (Vote).

The ayes have it. Mr. Reid is elected.

Mr. HEYBURN. Mr. Chairman, in the temporary absence of Mr. Reid, I move that Mr. Standrod be selected as assistant secretary of this convention. (Seconded).

CHAIRMAN. Gentlemen, it is moved and seconded that Mr. Standrod of Oneida County be elected as assistant secretary of the temporary organization. (Vote).

The ayes have it, and Mr. Standrod is elected.

Gentleman from CUSTER. I move that the convention be called by counties and that the delegates come forward and present their credentials at the secretary's table. (Seconded).

Gentleman from CASSIA. I think there are some delegates who have not their credentials with them. I move that there be a committee appointed on credentials, to receive the credentials—that the chair appoint the committee.

Gentleman from CUSTER. I have no objection; my object in making such a motion was this, that the committee on Credentials should go to the secretary's table to more readily read the credentials. (Vote).

The CHAIR. The ayes have it. The gentlemen will present their credentials.

Gentleman from CASSIA. I move a recess for ten minutes to give time to get the credentials together. (Seconded).

CHAIRMAN. The motion was that the convention be called by counties. As the counties are called, the delegates will proceed to hand in their credentials. The secretary will proceed to call the gentlemen by counties.

(The names of the counties called and credentials presented).

Mr. HEYBURN. I move that a committee of nine be appointed on credentials. (Seconded).

CHAIRMAN. It is moved and seconded that a committee of nine be appointed on credentials. Are you ready for the question? (Vote). The ayes have it.

A DELEGATE. How will you have the committee appointed?

Mr. HEYBURN. By the chair.

The CHAIR. Gentlemen, the chair appoints the following members of the convention as the committee on Credentials: W. B. Heyburn of Shoshone; W. H. Savidge of Bingham; J. H. Shoup of Custer; J. I. Crutcher of Owyhee; J. W. Poe of Nez Perce, Frank P. Cavanah of Lemhi; D. W. Standrod of Oneida; W. C. B. Allen of Logan; Albert Hagan of Kootenai.

Mr. CLAGGETT.—I am informed that there are a number of contests coming before us. Some between members of the same party, and I would like to suggest the following method of procedure, and that is, that as

to contests between republicans, that the republican members by the consent of the committee shall settle such contests; and that as to democratic contests, the democrats shall settle the same. In other words, only republicans should mix up with the contests of republicans, and only democrats, in contests among the democrats. I offer the resolution: First, that in all contests for seats in the convention as between republicans and democrats, the whole committee on Credentials shall act upon the contests; Second, that all contests between republicans shall be settled by the republican members of the committee; Third, that all contests between democrats shall be settled by the democratic members of the committee, and when settled in this way, they can make their report out and the entire committee can report. (Seconded).

CHAIRMAN. Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution.

DELEGATE. I move the adoption of the resolution. (Seconded).

Question put and the resolution is adopted.

#### RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

Mr. SWEET. Mr. Chairman, I understand that the committee on Indian Affairs—or at least a portion of that committee—of the United States Senate will pass through Idaho tomorrow, and I desire to move that the chairman appoint a committee from this convention to go out and meet this committee from the Senate and endeavor to persuade them to spend one day with us as guests of this convention. I therefore move, Mr. Chairman, the appointment of four of the delegates of this convention, and I suggest that the Governor act as the fifth member of that committee and act as chairman of the committee. (Seconded). Question put and motion carried.

The CHAIR. The following members are appointed as this committee: Willis Sweet, William H. Claggett, Frank W. Beane, George Ainslie.

Mr. SWEET. I suppose it is understood that Governor Shoup will act as chairman; he is here.

The CHAIR. The chair so understood the resolution. (After a pause). The Governor accepts.

Gentleman from CASSIA. I move that the committee on Credentials make a report.

Gentleman from ALTURAS. I wish to make a motion, in order that you may have time to perform the duties devolving upon the committee, that the convention adjourn until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock. (Seconded).

It is suggested to make it read that the hour be five o'clock this afternoon instead of tomorrow morning. I will make the motion in that form.

## TEMPORARY ATTACHES.

CHAIRMAN. Gentlemen, it has been suggested that it would be necessary to have a doorkeeper before we adjourn. Of course, the motion to adjourn is in order.

Gentleman from ALTURAS. I withdraw the motion.

A MEMBER. It is very necessary that we have a page also, and that the chair appoint one temporarily.

A MEMBER. I move that Bill Spiegel act as temporary page of this convention. (Seconded).

The CHAIR. Gentlemen, you have heard the question. Are you ready for the question? (Question).

A MEMBER. I offer the nomination of Alexander Smith of Ada County.

A MEMBER. When I made the motion, I suggested only a temporary appointment.

The CHAIR. What is the name of the gentleman suggested from Ada?

Alexander Smith.

A MEMBER. Mr. President, I understand these nominations are simply for temporary officers.

CHAIRMAN. I so understand it.

Mr. CLAGGETT. I rise to a point of order. It is not proper for this convention to do anything except per-

fect its organization, and then it can elect its officers. At the present time, we do not know who are members of this convention. I now rise to a point of order that there is nothing before the convention.

The CHAIR. I think the point is well taken.

A MEMBER. I would suggest that the janitor of the school building is here and that the chair appoint him temporary doorkeeper. (Seconded). Motion put and carried.

The CHAIR. The gentleman is appointed.

Gentleman from ALTURAS. There being no motion before the house, I now renew my motion to take a recess until 5 o'clock this afternoon. (Seconded). Motion put and carried.

A MEMBER. There is another motion in connection with this committee business that should be taken up.

The CHAIR. The convention is adjourned.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The CHAIR. The convention will please come to order. Is the committee on Credentials ready to report?

Mr. HEYBURN. Your committee on Credentials is not ready to make its final report. They have finished their labors as to everything except any contest as to the democratic members from Alturas county, which is now under consideration with them. They will hardly be able to report before tomorrow morning. We therefore ask leave to postpone the report of the committee until tomorrow.

The CHAIR. Does the convention grant further time until tomorrow morning? I await a motion.

A MEMBER. I move that the committee be allowed until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock, until which time I move that the convention now adjourn. (Seconded). Motion put and carried. Adjourned.