

On motion the convention adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Sept. 28th.

M. C. BROWN, President.

Attest: JOHN K. JEFFREY, Secretary.

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

HALL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, }
 CAPITOL BUILDING, }
 Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 28, 1889. }

The convention was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Mr. President in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplin.

Roll call; 36 members present.

Journal of previous session read and approved.

Mr. Jeffrey was on motion excused from attendance for the day.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Morgan, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That when this convention adjourn it be to reconvene at the call of the president.

Mr. Hoyt moved that the appointment of a committee of five members on retrenchment, whose duty it shall be to review the whole field of the constitution with a view to such reduction of the expenses of the state government as shall seem practicable. Said committee to report at the earliest hour.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Hoyt submitted the following proposition:

"The legislature shall make such provision by law as shall be calculated to secure the best available service for all minor places in the state, county and municipal governments, regardless of considerations purely political."

The foregoing proposition was, under suspension of the rules, placed on its final reading, and the yeas and nays on its adoption resulted as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Hay, Harvey, Hopkins, Hoyt, Morgan, McCandlish, Nickerson, Organ, Smith, Teschemacher, Mr. President—11.

Nays: Messrs. Baxter, Burritt, Casebeer, Chaplin, Clark, Coffeen, Conaway, Elliott, Foote, Fox, Grant, Holden, Johnston, Jones, Knight, Palmer, Preston, Reid, Riner, Russell, Sutherland—21.

Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Barrow, Burdick, Butler, Campbell, Downey, Ferris, Frank, Irvine, Jeffrey, Menough, Morris, McGill, Potter, Richards, Scott, Vagner—17.

The president thereupon announced that the convention had refused to adopt the proposition as a part of the constitution.

Mr. Burritt submitted the following proposition:

No person shall be permitted to vote, serve as a juror or hold any civil office who has at any place been convicted of an infamous crime and who has not been restored to the right of citizenship, or who is a bigamist or polygamist, or is living in what is known as patriarchial, plural or celestial marriage, or in violation of any law of this state or the United States forbidding any such crime."

On motion the proposition was referred to Committee No 5, as File No. 93.

The convention ordered the final reading of File No. 89, "on schedule," as amended.

Said file having been finally read as amended the yeas and nays on its adoption were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas: Messrs. Baxter, Burritt, Casebeer, Chaplin, Clark, Coffeen, Conaway, Elliott, Foote, Fox, Grant, Holden, Hopkins, Hoyt, Jones, Morgan, McCandlish, Nickerson, Organ, Palmer, Reid, Riner, Russell, Smith, Sutherland, Teschemacher, Mr. President—27.

Nays: None.

Absent: Messrs. Baldwin, Barrow, Burdick, Butler, Campbell, Downey, Ferris, Frank, Hay, Harvey, Irvine, Jeffrey, Johnston, Knight, Menough, Morris, McGill, Potter, Preston, Richards, Scott, Vagner—22.

The president thereupon announced that the convention had adopted File. No. 89 as amended as a part of the constitution.

File No. 89 was referred to Committee No. 19.

On motion the convention stood in recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m.

Mr. President in the chair.

The president submitted the following communication, which was read:

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 28, 1889.

To the Honorable President and Members of the Wyoming Constitutional Convention.

Gentlemen:—At the hands of Hon. H. Glafcke, assistant secretary of your convention, I am in receipt of a copy of your resolution returning thanks to myself for the little service I have rendered your body.

In response thereto I desire to say that I greatly appreciate the high compliment you have thereby paid me, and wish to add what I deem to be the sentiment of the great mass of Wyoming citizens, myself included, that your diligent, efficient and patriotic labors in the capacity of members and officers of the Wyoming Constitutional Convention are and have been such as will be approved by the people of the soon-to-be great commonwealth of Wyoming.

Very Respectfully Yours,
W. P. CARROLL.

Committee No. 5 made the following report:

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 28, 1889.

Mr. President:

Your Committee No. 5, to whom was referred File No. 93, beg leave to report the same with the recommendation that the same be not adopted. The committee have carefully considered this entire matter; have consulted eminent legal authority and are of the unanimous opinion that the matters embraced in said file No. 93, are fully covered by provisions already adopted in the constitution. Your committee are further of the opinion that the proposed file No. 93, is neither necessary or expedient.

JOHN W. HOYT,
GEO. C. SMITH,
H. A. COFFEEN,
CHARLES H. BURRITT,
H. E. TESCHEMACHER.

On motion of Mr. Burritt the report of Committee No. 5 was adopted and file No. 93 "Concerning Qualifications of Electors, etc.," was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Harvey that portion of the legislative department of the constitution relative to the election of state senators was referred to Committee No. 2 for amendment.

The convention then stood in recess for thirty minutes.

On re-assembling Committee No. 2 submitted a report recommending the following substitute for the first four lines of Section 2, of File No. 76, concerning legislative department: "Senators shall be elected for the term of four years; and representatives for the term of two years; the senators elected at the first election shall be divided by lot into two classes as nearly equal as may be; the seats of senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the first two years and of the second class at the expiration of four years.

On motion the report of the committee was adopted, and the substitute for the first four lines of Section 2, of File No. 76, was, under suspension of the rules, placed on its final reading, and after being finally read, the said substitute was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—Messrs. Baxter, Campbell, Chaplin, Clark, Coffeen, Conaway, Elliott, Fox, Hay, Harvey, Hopkins, Hoyt, Johnston, Knight, Morgan, Morris, Nickerson, Organ, Potter, Preston, Reid, Riner, Smith, Sutherland, Teschemacher, Mr. President.—26.

Nays—none.

Absent—Messrs. Baldwin, Barrow, Burdick, Burritt, Butler, Casebeer, Downey, Ferris, Foote, Frank, Grant, Holden, Irvine, Jeffrey, Jones, Menough, McCandlish, McGill, Palmer, Richards, Russell, Scott, Vagner.—23.

The president thereupon announced that the convention had adopted the substitute to be a part of the constitution.

Mr. Campbell moved the selection of a special committee of ten members to proceed to Washington to urge the admission of Wyoming as a state, the members of the committee to be empowered to appoint substitutes. Carried.

On motion the president was requested to appoint a committee of four to select this special committee, and the following named gentlemen were appointed:

Messrs. Riner, Elliott, Conaway and Organ.

On motion of Mr. Clark the governor of the territory was requested to appoint a committee of ten citizens of Wyoming to urge the admission of Wyoming before congress.

Messrs. Clark, Potter, and Campbell were appointed a committee to convey this request of the convention to his Excellency, the governor.

Mr. Hay offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, that the president and secretary of this convention are instructed to issue to the secretary of the Territory of Wyoming a certificate showing the attendance, residence and mileage of members during the sessions of this convention.

The convention thereupon adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Sept. 30th.

M. C. BROWN, President.

Attest: JOHN K. JEFFREY, Secretary.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY.

HALL OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION,
CAPITOL BUILDING,
Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 30, 1889. }

The convention was called to order at 9 o'clock a. m.

Mr. President in the chair.

Prayer by the chaplin.

Roll call: 37 members present.

Journal of previous session read and approved.