

JOURNAL OF THE

Twenty-Eighth District.

F. Kyle.....	Qualified.
J. W. Posey.....	Qualified.
J. H. Miller.....	Qualified.
C. Jenkins.....	Qualified.

Twenty-Ninth District.

A. M. Cox.....	Qualified.
F. Tegener.....	Qualified.
A. Zoeller.....	Qualified.
W. J. Locke.....	Qualified.

Thirtieth District.

Ira H. Evans.....	Qualified.
George Spencer.....	Not present.
Nelson Plato.....	Contested by F. Schlickum.

E. L. Smith.....	Second District.....	Qualified.
B. B. Lacy.....	Fifth District.....	Qualified.
J. W. Johnson.....	Eighth District.....	Qualified.
E. L. Robb.....	Second District.....	Qualified.
G. T. Haswell.....	Seventeenth District.....	Qualified.
Wm. Prissick.....	Twelfth District.....	Qualified.

Notice of contest of the seats of J. Abbott and J. E. Hawkins, from Twentieth District, by A. Hanson and E. S. Bell; of Nelson Plato by F. Schlickum, in Thirtieth District.

Adjourned until ten A. M. to-morrow.

 THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUSTIN, Texas, February 10, 1870.

House called to order at ten o'clock A. M.

Roll called; quorum present.

A communication from General J. J. Reynolds, commanding Fifth Military District, referring to the matter of contested seats, was received and read.

The following named members then came forward and took the oath :

S. B. York, Twenty-Fourth District.

J. A. Abney, Second District.

J. G. Smythe, First District.

Nelson Plato, Thirtieth District.

J. E. Hawkins, Twentieth District.

J. Abbott, Twentieth District.

S. Cotton, Eighteenth District.

D. W. Burley, Eighteenth District.

M. L. Armstrong, Eleventh District.

The House then proceeded to the election of Speaker.

Hon. I. H. Evans was elected by acclamation.

The House then proceeded to the election of officers; result as follows :

Chief Clerk—L. J. Gallant.

First Assistant Clerk—Charles H. Porter.

Second Assistant Clerk—L. W. Collins.

Enrolling Clerk—A. Schutze.

Sergeant-at-Arms—George P. Douglass.

First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—N. W. Curry.

Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—E. Creary.

Door-Keeper—E. Carter.

First Assistant Door-Keeper—A. Whipple.

Second Assistant Door-Keeper—J. Dunn.

The Election of Engrossing Clerk was postponed.

It was moved and seconded that the Speaker appoint all other officers required.

It was moved and seconded that the Speaker be authorized to appoint a committee of seven to examine into the matter of contested seats.

The Speaker appointed the following members on said committee : Messrs. Franks, Morrison, Mullins, Gardiner, Gaston, Austin, Locke.

It was moved and seconded that the Speaker appoint a committee of five to draft rules and regulations of the House.

The Speaker appointed the following committee :

Messrs. Plumley, Morris, Schutze, Hearn and Chambers.

The following resolution was then read and adopted :

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a committee of five to wait upon the Governor, the Commanding General, and the Senate, and inform them that this House has now completed its organization, and is ready to proceed to business.

The Speaker appointed the committee, viz :
Messrs. Slaughter, Butler, Tegener, Hughes and Ross.

Moved and seconded that the House stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Carried.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, February 11, 1870.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called ; quorum present.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

Hon. W. B. Stirman, representative elect, then came forward and qualified.

Reports of Committees.

Hon. George N. Slaughter, chairman of the committee to wait upon the Commanding General, Governor, and Senate, reported back to the House that they had discharged their duties, and asked to be discharged.

On motion of Hon. F. G. Franks, the committee was discharged.

Communications.

The following communication was then received and read :

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Mr. Plumley offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we do now proceed to organize the House by the election of a Speaker, a Sergeant-at-Arms, a Chief Clerk and a Doorkeeper.

Resolution read first and second times, and on motion of Mr. Morrison, it was adopted.

[Mr. Tegener in the chair.]

Nominations for Speaker :

Mr. Zoeller nominated Hon. Ira H. Evans.

Mr. Lane nominated Hon. W. P. McLean.

On motion of Mr. Plumley the nominations were closed.

Mr. McLean declined the nomination.

On motion of Mr. Camp Hon. Ira H. Evans was unanimously declared elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Twelfth Legislature, by acclamation.

Messrs. Zoeller, McLean and Butler were appointed a committee to conduct the Speaker elect to the chair.

Upon taking the chair the Speaker said :

GENTLEMEN : I return you my sincere thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me in reelecting me your presiding officer. As a mark of your confidence in me, if I may so interpret it, it is more esteemed by me than in any other way. It shall be my constant endeavor to prove worthy of your confidence by discharging the duties of Speaker in a fair and impartial manner.

I have to ask that you extend to me the assistance and support so cheerfully accorded by you in the past, and which I shall need again

to enable me to enforce the rules of the House for the preservation of order, and the proper dispatch of business.

We have re-convened in a period of great and general prosperity to our State. We may add to this prosperity by the enactment of wise and just measures, and thus win not only the approval of our own consciences, but the plaudits of the million of people whom we represent.

The ceaseless tide of immigration which is pouring into our State with constantly increasing volume, shows us that we are legislating not for the present alone, but that our actions must effect, for good or evil, the many thousands who will yet seek homes, happiness, prosperity, and the benefits of a good government within this, the greatest and fairest State in the Union, and the one nature has endowed with the greatest and most varied resources.

Let us hope that increased charity among those who differ in opinion, and an earnest desire to promote the public welfare, may mark our present session, and produce the happy results which cannot fail to flow from such a course.