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BEING THE

REGULAR SESSION OF THE EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE,

BEGUN AND

HELD AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN, JANUARY 9, 1883.

Upon motion of Mr. Mathews, the House proceeded to the election of a Speaker.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Chenoweth placed in nomination the name of Hon. C. R. Gibson of Ellis.

Mr. Hill nominated Hon. W. F. Upton of Fayette county, which nomination was seconded by Mr. Douglass.

Messrs. Hill, Wortham and Foster of Limestone were appointed tellers.

Upon casting up the ballot it appeared that Mr. Gibson had received 64 votes; Mr. Upton, 33 votes.

Mr. Gibson having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Chair declared that he was duly and constitutionally elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Legislature of the State of Texas, and thereupon appointed Messrs. Upton and Wurzbach as a committee to escort him to the chair.

Upon taking the chair, Mr. Gibson addressed the House as follows:

Permit me to return to you my sincere thanks for this manifestation of your confidence and esteem. The position with which you have honored me is an important one, and I cannot hope to properly discharge its duties without your assistance and hearty co-operation. I feel assured that I shall have this, and that we shall all labor earnestly to accomplish the purposes for which we have assembled. "Texas, one and undivided," is a sentiment which meets with a hearty response from every section of our broad land. If we would continue this sentiment we should know no north, no east, no south, no west, but each and every section should be ready and willing to do full justice to the others. And, I may add, gentlemen of the Eighteenth Legislature, that if ever division comes in this State, mark my prediction, the entering wedge will be driven in this body. Let us see that it dates not its beginning with the Eighteenth Legislature, but that one and all will labor earnestly and honestly to promote the best interests of the people of this entire State.