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House of Representatives, }
Austin, April 16, 1887. }

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, L. S. Ross, Governor of Texas, bearing date 31st of March, A. D., 1888, convening the Twentieth Legislature, in special session, at Austin, the Capital of the State, on this, the 16th day of April, 1888, the House of Representatives was called to order at 12 o'clock m. by the Speaker, Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton.

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The chair then announced that the first business before the House was the election of a Speaker, and that nominations for that position were in order.

Hon. J. N. Browning, of Wheeler, nominated Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton, of Bell.

The nomination was seconded by Hon. A. G. Camp, of Limestone, and Hon. J. M. Strong, of Dallas.

The chair announced the following tellers:

The Honorable Messrs. J. N. Browning, of Wheeler; F. P. Alexander, of Hunt, and S. P. Mills, of McLennan, and directed the acting pages to take up the ballots.

Upon casting up the ballots, it appeared that the

Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton had received 103 votes.

Whereupon the chair announced that the Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton having received all the votes cast, was duly and constitutionally elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Texas, and thereupon appointed the Honorable Messrs. Camp and Strong a committee to escort him to the stand.

The clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Pendleton, after which the Hon. Mr. Baines introduced him to the House.

Mr. Pendleton, upon taking the chair, addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives—I thank you sincerely for the high compliment you have paid me in selecting me by your unanimous voice to preside over your deliberations. I realize fully the gravity of the trust with which I have been honored, and shall endeavor by a faithful and conscientious attention to every duty to merit and retain your confidence and esteem. Having but limited experience as a presiding officer, I shall often have occasion to ask the advice and assistance of those members more intimate with the rules of parliamentary procedure than myself, and at the same time shall hope to enjoy the patience and friendly forbearance of all. In my opinion, gentlemen, this will be one of the most important legislative sessions ever held in the State.

Many grave problems require attention and demand solution. I hope and believe that you will approach them in a spirit of patriotism, of compromise, and of conciliation; and that actuated by an unselfish desire to promote the best interests of the people, your deliberations may tend to advance the welfare of all the people, without regard to race or party, and that on your return to your homes you may deserve and receive from your constituency the laudations due to those who have faithfully discharged a public trust.