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Whig Electoral Convention.

Thursday, November 23, 1843.

On account of the very disagreeable state of the weather, but few of the delegates were in attendance. The convention, however, met in the basement of the Presbyterian Church, and was organized by appointing Dr. Humphrey Peake, Chairman, & Zachariah G. Draper, Secretary. The convention after some consultation, adjourned until the next day at 10 o'clock.

Friday Morning. - The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Several other delegates having made their appearance, the Chairman took his seat, and the meeting proceeded to business.

The following resolution was then on motion of T. L. Anderson, Esq. adopted:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of seven members, be appointed to draw up and report resolutions which shall give expression to the sentiments of this body, on the great subjects now under the consideration of the Nation.

The chair then appointed the following gentlemen on the said committee:

T. L. Anderson, of Marion co, Maj. Sibley of St. Charles co, Jno Smith of do., J. J. Slosson of Ralls Co., S. C. Woods, do., F. Levering of Clark co., E. C. Mc Donald of Marion co., Dr. Bosley, do, and Jno Lear, of Marion.

On motion of Major Sibley, the Chair appointed the following gentlemen a committee to nominate a delegate to the Baltimore Convention, to be held in May next, and also a candidate for elector for President and Vice President at the next Presidential election:

Dr. Bosley of Marion, John Lear, do., J. J. Slosson of Ralls co.,
- Campbell of Marion, Maj. Sibley of St. Charles, S.C. Woods of Ralls,
M. Mc Donald of Marion, F. Levering of Clark co., Capt. Bowen of
Marion, M. Kirtley, W. C. Elgin and E. C. Mc Donald.

Mr. Anderson then read a letter from E.J. Peers for himself and
on behalf of the Whigs of Lincoln county, accounting for the absence
of a delegation from that county.

Major Sibley said he felt it his duty to state to the convention
that he and his colleagues had been instructed by the whigs of St.
Charles to vote only for staunch whigs, either as Delegate to the
National Convention, or candidate for Elector. Such men, said Mr. S.
as would go for Henry Clay all the time and every time.

On motion of Mayhew Mc Donald, esq. the following resolution was
adopted:

Resolved, That the convention appoint a Central committee, con-
sisting of five persons for this electoral district.

On motion of Mr. Anderson the following resolution was also
adopted:

Resolved, That it is the imperious duty of the whigs to appoint
a central committee in each county, to organize Clay Clubs in every
town and township in this electoral district, and to proceed without
delay, to make efficient preparations for the great political cam-
paign of 1844; and that central committees of said counties cor-
respond and advise with the central committee of the district.

Major Sibley moved that the nomination of the committee under Mr.
Mc Donald's resolution be referred to the committee on nominations.

The Convention then adjourned until after dinner, in order that
the committees might have time to make their reports.

At two o'clock the Convention again assembled, several additional delegates having appeared and taken their seats.

The committee on resolutions made an able and spirited report which we are compelled, on account of their great length to defer until next week, as our paper is just going to press.

We are also under the necessity of excluding several other resolutions offered by different members of the convention.

The committee on nominations reported Thomas L. Anderson, Esq., of Marion county as a suitable candidate for Elector for President and Vice President, in the Election of 1844; and Major Sibley, of St. Charles as a Delegate from this Electoral District to the Baltimore whig Convention, with Dr. McClure of Pike county, as his alternate.

The following gentlemen were nominated to constitute the whig central committee for the District:- S. A. Bowen, Hump. Peake, S. D. Rice, Mayhew Mc Donald and Z. G. Draper.

The report of the committee was unanimously adopted.

The business of the Convention having been disposed of, Mr. Anderson rose to express his thanks for the honorable distinction conferred by his nomination as candidate for Elector in this district. He went on in an eloquent address to urge the whigs to untiring activity in the coming contest.

Major Sibley also took occasion to acknowledge the distinguished trust assigned to him by the Convention, in sending him a delegate to Baltimore.

Mayhew Mc Donald, Esq., made a few spirited remarks on a resolution introduced by him, which resolution we defer with the others.

Mr. Anderson moved that the proceedings of the convention be published in the "Hannibal Journal", and other whig papers in the

State.

On motion of Col. Lear, the Convention adjourned sine die.