

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

FIFTH DAY.

Convention called to order at 9 A. M.—quorum present.

Mr. A. W. Sweeney, of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, opened the session by prayer.

The Chair appointed committees as provided by resolution:

First—B. F. Dennison, C. H. Larrabee, C. M. Bradshaw, S. M. Gilmore and J. V. O'Dell, to consider and report on the following subject heads of the Constitution: Legislative, Judiciary, Corporations, Schedule, Miscellaneous and Resolutions.

Second—W. A. George, G. H. Steward, L. B. Andrews, D. B. Hanna and H. B. Emery, on the subject heads: Executive, Administrative, Finance, State Institutions, Rights of married women, and exemptions from forced sale, Eminent domain and Property of State.

Third—Alonso Leland, Edward Eldridge, Frank Henry, S. M. Wait and O. P. Lucy, to consider and report on the following: Preamble, Education, Boundaries, Declaration of Rights, Distribution of Powers, Suffrage and amendments.

Mr. Steward, from committee to consider the employment of a Stenographer, to take down in short hand the proceedings of the Convention, made report that John W. Cochran would do such duties for ten dollars per diem, and twenty cents per folio for transcribing, the whole cost not to exceed one thousand dollars. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Bradshaw the report was re-committed until 9 A. M., Monday.

The list of Committees on subject heads of the Constitution were ordered printed and copies furnished to delegates.

Andrews moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms procure rooms for the use of committees—carried.

Sergeant at Arms reported that he had secured the Court House and the two jury rooms.

Convention took a recess until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Quorum present—no business transacted. Adjourned.

SIXTH DAY.

Quorum present—Rev. H. W. Egan, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of fered prayer.

Minutes of preceding day approved as read.

Judge Dennison presented a petition signed by about 600 persons, male and female, bringing before the convention the subject of the right of women to vote.

On motion of Mr. Larrabee it was referred to Committee No. 3.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw, the Committee was ordered to have the petition printed in full.

Mr. Steward presented a request on the part of the ladies of Walla Walla county, asking that Mrs. A. J. Duniway be allowed to appear before the Convention and present a memorial touching female suffrage.

Moved by Steward to receive the request and that to morrow at 10 o'clock be the time for her to address the Convention—carried. Ayes, 7; noes, 6.

Mr. George moved that a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon Mrs. Duniway and inform her of the action of the Convention—carried. The Chair selected Messrs. George, Eldridge and Steward.

Mr. Steward from the Committee to whom was referred the matter of engaging a stenographer, reported that the Committee recommended that he be not appointed. The conclusion of the Committee being that the Convention had no power to appoint such an officer.

Moved by Mr. Bradshaw that the report be laid on the table subject to the order of the Convention—carried.

Mr. Hanna moved that the Sergeant at Arms provide a seat for Mrs. Duniway, and that she be declared a member of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. Bradshaw it was rejected.

Mr. Henry gave notice that he would offer an amendment to morrow effecting Rule Six.

Mr. Larrabee called for the report of the committee on Contingent Expenses, as to committee room. O. P. Lucy stated that they had secured proper rooms. Also asked that each delegate hand in his bill for sums due them per diem, and for mileage.

Judge Dennison offered a resolution that no person be debarred from following any occupation, business or profession on account of sex or color, or any right abridged thereby, and asked it referred to Committee No. 3. So ordered.

Mr. Larrabee sent up several numbered sections on Rights of married women, and Exemptions from forced sale, and moved to refer them to Committee No. 2. So referred.

Frank Henry moved that the Sergeant at Arms provide each delegate with two copies of all printed matter that may be ordered. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hanna that Mr. Andrews be elected to the committee on Contingent Expenses.

Mr. Bradshaw interposed a motion to adjourn, and the Convention adjourned until to morrow at 9 A. M.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING.

Quorum present—Rev. E. C. Warren, of the M. E. Church, opened with prayer. Journal approved as read.

Mr. Larrabee moved that the portion of the report of the printing committee referring to the subscription to newspapers be taken from the table and acted on—carried.

Moved by Mr. Larrabee as a substitute for the original resolution, that each delegate be allowed to subscribe for 50 copies of any one of the newspapers printing a synopsis of the proceedings, and the Convention pay for the same, also that the Sergeant at Arms provide the Delegates with sufficient quantity of postal envelopes, and that the Convention order the sum of twenty five dollars to be appropriated to defray the expenses thereof—carried. Ayes, 10; noes, 4.

Mr. George from the Committee to wait upon Mrs. Duniway reported.

The Convention took a recess for half an hour, as Mrs. Duniway had not made her appearance.

During the recess the hall was filled with ladies of Walla Walla and vicinity, and by their smiling faces, light, gay laughter, bewitching and winning looks lent a softness to the sober and severe aspect of the assemblage of a moment before. Above the hum and buzz of many voices could be heard the sonorous tones and vigorous laughter of the "father of female-kind." The interest taken in this territory on the right of women to vote was manifest by the number of ladies standing out to witness the presentation of a memorial by their champion.

During the recess many of the delegates were button-holed, and talked to with much earnestness.

Mrs. Duniway.

At 10 o'clock the Chair called the Convention to order, and our gallant and venerable delegate Mr. W. A. George escorted Madame Duniway to the front and introduced her to the Convention. The reading of the memorial by her ladyship occupied about half an hour. It was sweetly perfumed with mid-night oil. Among other things she said: "I come before you at this auspicious hour on behalf of a large body of the unrepresented citizens of your embryonic commonwealth, and at their instigation and invitation to ask you in their name, for reasons which they and I are prepared to substantiate, to so honor your present important public work, by recognizing their inalienable rights and interests that the name of Washington, first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen, may also be the first in the grand galaxy of States to wheel majestically into her proper orbit, in harmony with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States."

"My constituents ask me to call your attention, and that of this honorable deliberative body to the unnatural grievances of men and women as set forth in their original bill of rights, that you may see as they do how exactly parallel the complaints of women run to-day with those of men a hundred years ago. My constituents complain, and I aver with good reason, that their inalienable equal rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is yet circumscribed by special legislation, which denies to them equal immunities and privileges with another class, and refuse thus to grant to them the equal protection of the laws. They bid me say that they especially deplore the growing domestic insurrection among the wives of this soon to be sovereign State, also divine the prime cause of this insurrection. You, gentlemen, would be equally rebellious under equal political and financial restraint, else you would be unworthy of your boasted manhood. We regard the home as paramount to all else, and the domestic hearthstone as the sacred guardian of human liberties. But we have learned that, first of all, there must be a home to keep, and a united head to keep it." (A writer once said 'Home is the place for women, and a home without a woman is no home at all.' A woman clad in the breeches of man is not the woman to make home happy. It requires the tender care, and gentle instincts of a refined woman to successfully constitute a united head to keep a home.") We have often seen the hard earned home swept from us by, and through the unwarrantable jurisdiction exercised over us by the authority of sex. That we find domestic rebellion and insurrection constantly on the increase; and it is not possible for us or you, to cure the effect, until the cause ceases. Oppression is, and ever has been, the mother of discontent. My constituents do not come to you asking privilege or power to usurp political jurisdiction over you. They would not if they could abridge your immunities or trample upon your inalienable rights. They will do you good and not evil. Do your duty. The eyes of the whole earth are upon you; you are writing history; see that your individual page is written so as to immortalize your name." Mrs. Duniway announced in conclusion that she had prepared a speech and would deliver it on Wednesday evening, at the Unitarian church, and invited all to be present.

Mr. Gilmore moved that the memorial be referred to Committee No. 3—so referred.

On motion of Mr. Larrabee the Convention adjourned.

After the adjournment your reporter was so fortunate as to over hear a conversation, in which one of the "constituents" remarked: "I've spotted two of them. That sage from Island, clad in robes of spotless purity, with the white eyebrow on his upper lip, and that good looking man with the white vest, are opposed to our cause, and I am going to tell Mrs. Duniway so she can give them fits." Mr. Larrabee and Mr. Steward say they know nothing about it.

EIGHTH DAY.

Quorum present. Rev. Thomas Boyd, Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Waterville, opened with prayer.

Journal approved as read.

Mr. Leland moved that the Chairman of the three Committees be authorized to hand their reports as completed to the Printing Committee, in order that they may be printed before submitting them to the Convention—carried.

Mr. Dennison offered resolutions on the following subject heads: Common carriers, referred to Committee No. 1.

Embodying the common law, the civil and admiralty laws, into the laws of this State, when applicable and not inconsistent, &c.—referred to Committee No. 1.

On navigable waters—referred to No. 2.

Rights of husband and wife—referred to No. 2.

Mr. Hanna offered resolution on swamp land, and was referred to Committee No. 2.

The motion to add Mr. Andrews to Committee on Contingent Expenses was carried.

Mr. Henry moved to amend Rule No. 6, in accordance with his notice given the previous day, and after discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Larrabee moved that the Convention adjourn until 2 P. M., to morrow, so as to give Committees time to report.

Adjourned.

Mrs. John Burr, of Bridgewater, we are informed, is helping to increase the population of that quiet village at a rapid rate. Some time last spring or summer she gave birth to a female child, which grew and grew, and had everything its own way pretty much for eleven months and three days, when its little nose was broken short off by the appearance upon the scene of three more little sisters, making four in a little short of twelve months. The last three, which were triplets, weighed between sixteen and seventeen pounds, and were, with their mother, doing well at last accounts.—*Waterville Times*.

A Captain Walker is now shipping from California to Peru, for plantation work, ten thousand Chinamen. Guatemala is also anxious to secure several thousand of them. In both countries, it is asserted, there are no race antipathies, nor obstacles to free intermarriage.

"Is this Alder creek?" inquired a tourist of an old man leaning over a fence. "Yes, die in all her creek I know of," was the reply.

Bread is the peas makers.—*Lowell Journal*.