

"American" Convention 1835

National Council

met at Philadelphia, June 5, 1835.

James W. Barker, of N.Y. City, President.

Henry Wilson's speech, Thursday, June 7th

Comm. on Platform appointed Friday morning.

(Bowles to N.Y. Tribune?)

"There is an old editor in Vermont who does not act here as he would have his readers believe he acted. He votes against the North very freely, and shows no disposition to stand up with the rest of the true North for the just and right. Does Vermont propose to go out of the Union? And therefore is it necessary that her representatives should sacrifice everything else to such a catastrophe? Some of them do not think so, if Gov. Fletcher and others are as true as her mountain air is strong and pure." [June 8th]

Officers elected on the 8th:

E. B. Bartlett, Ky., President. (On 6th ballot.)

(Cotton candidates were
Barker, Richard of
Md., Gardiner, of Mass.
see.)

C. D. Freeman, Pa. Vice Pres.

(Freeman 71, Thor. H. Ford 22.)

C. W. Decker, N. J., Cor. Secretary.

James M. Stephens, Md., Rec. Secretary.

Clay had a clear field for the Presidential nomination, and in the early stages of the canvass his prospect was good. The nomination of Mr. Polk, to the reasonable disappointment of ex-President Van Buren, tempted sanguine Whigs to believe victory ^{would be} ~~not~~ ^{surely} in a match ^{they deemed} ~~do~~ unequal. Ought it not at least to make the vote of New York certain for Clay? Van Buren's defeat in 1840, his friends maintained, was due solely to the financial crisis of 1837, for which he was in no wise responsible. They asked his vindication now. He had ^{not} ~~had~~ himself been idle in furthering this end. His tour through the West in 1843 ~~has~~ ^{there} gave proof of his popularity ^{with} the men of his party, ~~and he was~~.

An incident of this trip, supplied by Mr. Joshua T. Speed, is hardly a digression here, and is specially interesting ^{for the glimpse it gives of the only known meeting of the two} ~~as they are bringing together two~~ who are its chief subjects:

"In 1843, when Mr. Van Buren and Commodore Paulding visited the West, and gave out that they would reach Springfield on a certain day, but their friends knew from the condition of the roads that their expectations could not be realized, a party was formed and Lincoln, though not of their politics, was pressed into the service.

Monday, June 11, Platform Com. reported
 The minority report was signed by
 W. F. Johnston, Pa.
 A. D. Sperry, Conn.
 Thomas H. Ford, O.
 Anthony Colby, N.H.
 J. S. Dayward, Me.
 John W. Foster, Mass.
 Nathl Greene, R.I.
 Jos. H. Barnett, Vt.
 Schuyler Calfax, Ind.
 D. E. Wood, Wis.
 J. Coggeshall, Mich.
 Wm. J. Phelps, Ill. 12

And as to 1st clause:

Richard Clement, Del
 C. D. Deshler, N.Y.

13. (Eighth day of session - Thursday). Platform
 adopted at a late hour.

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Francis H. Cone,	ny	Greensboro,	La.	ny	n	n	n	n	n	n
A. B. Hopkins,	ny	Mobile,	Ala.	y	y	y	a	n	n	n
J. L. L. McCall,	ny	Waco,	Texas.	y	y	y	y	y	n	y
John Cunningham,	ny	Johnston,	S. C.	n	y	y	y	n	n	n
J. A. Barrett,	ny	Middlebury,	Vt.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
W. M. Barwell,	ny	Liberty,	Va.	y	y	y	n	n	n	n
H. R. Lambie,	y	St. Louis,	Mo.	n	y	y	y	y	y	n
Wm. J. Phelps,	ny	Elmwood,	Peoria Co.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Thomas Randall,	ny	Tallahassee,	Fla.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Wm. F. Johnston,	ny	Pittsburgh,	Pa.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Chas. D. Deshler,	ny	New Brunswick,	N. J.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Chas. M. Hitchcock,	ny	San Francisco,	Cal.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Vespasian Ellis,	y	Washington,	D. C.	y	y	y	n	n	n	n
N. Green,	ny	Newport,	R. I.	y	n	n	n	n	n	n
Thos. H. Ford,	ny	Manassas,	Ohio	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Albert Pike,	y	Little Rock,	Ark.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
J. S. Williams,	ny	Winchester,	Ky.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Thos. J. Lyons,	ny	Port Jervis,	Orange Co.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
D. E. Wood,	ny	Grand du Lac,	Wis.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Anthony Colby,	n	New London,	Conn.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
N. D. Sperry,	ny	New Haven,	Conn.	y	n	n	n	n	n	n
John H. Haughton,	ny	Pittsboro,	N. C.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
Schuyler Colfax,	ny	South Bend,	Ind.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
J. W. Foster,	n	Hanson,	Mass.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
John S. Dayward,	ny	Bangor,	Maine	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
Neil S. Brown,	ny	Washville,	Tenn.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
A. H. Roby,	y	Brookville,	Miss.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
James B. Ricard,	y	Chestertown,	Md.	y	y	y	y	y	y	n
R. B. Clement,		Centerville,	Del.							

John H. Trumbull,	ny	Lower Saginaw,	Mich.	n	n	n	n	n	n	n
C. W. Hardy,		La.								
		Min. Ind.								

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Saturday, June 9th 1855

Judge Cone. Chairman.

Mr. Ellis. If the great disturbing question can first be got over, the rest will be easy. Suggests that some gentlemen at once introduce the subject.

Chairman. Suggests sub-committees of three, on several topics.
Gov. Brown. Hopes Mr. Ellis will present his views.

Mr. Ellis. Has only a resolution as a substitute for a proposition to restore the M. C. Will not oppose it, if it can be done safely & successfully.
Offers his resolution.

Resolved, That we regret the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, by the enactment of the provision in the Kansas & Nebraska bill, on that subject; as unwise, inexpedient, unnecessary & unnecessary, by public sentiment at the time of said repeal; and that we deeply regret the passage of the provision in the Kansas and Nebraska bill, above referred to, as an imprudent reopening of the question of Slavery; Nevertheless, being of the opinion that the present state of parties in the Senate of the United States, and in view of the disposition of the Executive on this subject, a restoration of Missouri Compromise, even if otherwise desirable, would be impracticable, and that moreover vested rights have been acquired in Kansas & Nebraska, under said act organizing said territories: Be it therefore

Resolved, That whilst we thus deprecate the repeal of said Missouri Compromise, and condemn the conduct of those who brought forward that measure, we are of the opinion that it would be unwise and inexpedient to embarrass the citizens of Kansas and Nebraska, by any legislation tending to interfere with the free action of the citizens of said territories, in the future formation of their respective constitutions and in the enactment of their local laws.

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Chairman, suggests that the Committee of the House, on the subject of the proposed amendment, should be authorized to inquire into the expediency of the proposed amendment, and to report thereon to the House at the next session.

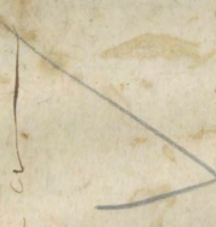
Mr. Allen, in reply, stated that the Committee had already reported to the House, and that the House had passed the amendment.

There was opposition to the amendment, but it was carried by a majority of 100 yeas to 90 nays.

Resolved, That the Committee of the House, on the subject of the proposed amendment, be authorized to inquire into the expediency of the proposed amendment, and to report thereon to the House at the next session.

The House then adjourned.

Philadelphia Convention
(American), June, 1855.



Dec. 28, 1877. Convention Platform numbered 32 - of which only 24 voted
according to my year & day record. Thirteen distinct propo-
sitions voted on in Con.

(The members from Del., La., and Minn. (then a Territory) ^{were} ~~and~~ ^{the three} ~~absent~~.)

The "Georgia Platform" is sufficiently described in the summary of
Con's resolutions, given elsewhere - The first proposition voted
on - year 11, says 18 - ^{one} of the former from the North: ^{given by Chas. M. Mitchell, Cal.} ~~of the same~~
The following ~~was~~ ^{was} cast by the following Southern members ^{other} ~~being~~ ^{may}

Hamilton R. Gamble, Mo.

Jefferson Ellis, Tex.

J. G. Williams, Ky.

Neil S. Brown, Tenn.

 Voted, That every gentleman of the committee be called upon to express his views on Slavery.

Mr. Colfax

Hopkins

Cone. Is willing to go as far as consistent with honor and the preservation of Slavery. Resolutions. Aft. interference of the general govt in state, territories, or D. C. - or refusal to admit Slave states - that Congress has no such power.

Hopkins. Coincides.

McCall. Ditto.

Cunningham. We want success. No Southern state has yet been carried. It is idle to go into the contest without one or more of the Southern states. ~~Const.~~ Can carry every Southern state on the American issue. Opposes extrinsic matters. What will carry S. C. will carry the South. Slavery must be kept off the platform entirely. Threatens a Southern Confederacy. Abol. of Slavery in D. C. met with steel.

~~Barrett~~ Vote to call for res^{ns}

Barrett. - None.

Burwell. - Georgia platform. Cong. no power over S. in state or ter., or to refuse adm. to slave states.

Gamble. - Anti-agitation.

Phelps. - None.

Randall. - None. Agrees to Georgia platform.

Johnston. - Const. - Supreme Court. Rest. M. C. subject to rights of settlers.

Hitchcock. - (Non-interference.)

Ellis. - Five res^{ns}

Green. - None.

Ford. - None.

Pike. - Approves Ga. platform. Offers substitute. Const. Anti-sectional. Says it is objectionable to any part of the Union to be kept out.

Williams. - Anti-sectional and Anti-Slavery. Restoration subject to rights of settlers. Prosef. - cation of Aug. Term.

Wood. - None.

Colley. - None.

Sperry. - Anti-Nebraska & State Sovereignty.

Haughton. - N. Y. Res^{ns} Ignores. - Anti-agitation.

Colfax. - Rest. M. C.

Ford. - do.

Forster. - No expression on the fugitive slave law. - Res^{ns}

Sayward. - Res. ~~Comp~~ M.C. - ref. Slave State from Feb. 22.
Brown. - Non-intervention.
Rohy. - Endorses Ga. platform.
Ricard. - None.
Clement. do.
Coppeshull. do.

Colby. - Local liberty.

Johnston. - Middle position.

Discussion between Johnston, Leaningham, McCall, Brown,
on the Missouri Compromise issue, mainly.