

Circular No. 1. Republican State Central Committee ... San Francisco March 1860.

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REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Office of the Corresponding Secretary, *Rabe's Building, San Francisco, March, 1860* .

SIR:

The object of this Circular is to request you to cause immediately after receipt of this, the formation of a Republican County Committee in your county, if such does not already exist. At the same time, you will use all the exertions you are capable of to assist in organizing our party.

To this end, we advise you, to establish "Republican Clubs" in every precinct. To cause those Clubs to elect officers; to hold meetings at least once a week; to have your best speakers to address them; in fact, to do everything possible to keep up the excitement which our cause ought to produce at this time.

It is well known that the success of the Democratic party is owing principally to the perfect manner in which they have trained their adherents, and the perfect organization of their followers, which seems to equal military discipline. Now, *all* WE want, is organization; our principles, if properly disseminated, are surely to find response in the heart of every thinking, unprejudiced mind; but you must recollect that our political enemies have most insidiously misrepresented us.

Now is the time—organize! Let the people know that we have a voice, and *that* , the voice of truth. Our principles bear to come to light, and wherever they are made known, "*there will be light* ." We desire you to remit to us the name of *every good Republican* in your county; to send us the names of all officers and members of all your County Committees and Clubs; and as soon as the documents, which will be published, are ready for distribution, they will be sent to every man, whose name and post-office address is registered in the books of the Corresponding Secretary. We beg leave, also, to call your attention to the fact, that to carry on the campaign, money will be needed. A large sum can be raised by humble contribution. Let each member of a Club, each Republican, contribute only one dollar per month to the cause; and if you remit proceeds to the State Central Committee, we will have means to counterbalance the immense power of the Federal office-holders and other parasites, which now feed on the Federal treasury and on the vitals of our State.



The State Central Committee, which you have recently elected; will prove worthy the trust, and manage the financial affairs prudently and honestly.

In conclusion, we recommend you to be conciliating with those who differ with you politically. Let them see that we want to violence, that our mission is Peace, Freedom and Union ; but that we will work in unison and steadfast in our aim to establish the great truth, that "*free speech, free thought, and free labor* , are indispensable necessities to the prosperity of a *free country* ."

When you send us the list of Republicans, you will mark those who are most energetic, by underlining their names, so that we may know whom to address confidentially. Expecting your hearty co-operation in this great cause, the cause of three-fourths of the people of this great country,

I am, very respectfully, Your ob't serv't, WM. RABE, *Corresponding Secretary* .

P.S.—Owing to the famous decision of Postmaster General Holt, every petty Postmaster is authorized to stop any paper that *he* may consider of incendiary character. By this monstrous piece of iniquity—so forcibly denounced by Horace Greeley in his letter to the Virginia Postmaster—I am obliged to send this Circular in a *sealed* envelop; thereby swindling us out of two cents on every letter, instead of sending it open. You will also bear in mind, when you write to the Corresponding Secretary, not to direct officially, or I may not get the letter. Nothing but overturning the present Federal Dynasty will make *even us* , free men.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this, and direct to Dr . WM. RABE, San Francisco.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION.

Republican State Convention.

State of California , *City and County of Sacramento* .

Philharmonic Hall , February 22, 1860.

Pursuant to the call issue by the State Central Committee, the delegates elected to choose delegates to represent the State of California in the Republican National Convention to be held at Chicago on the 12 h of June next, assembled to day in Philharmonic Hall.

At 10 A. M. the Convention was called to order by H. H. Haight, Chairman of the State Central Committee.

L. R. Lull, of San Francisco, nominated P. H. Sibley, of Placer, as temporary Chairman.

The nomination was ratified by the Convention.

Charles A. Crane, of San Francisco, nominated S. F. Barstow, of Sonoma, as temporary Secretary.

The nomination was ratified.

The Chairman *pro tem* . upon taking his seat spoke as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention —I return to you my sincere thanks for the honor which you have conferred upon me upon this occasion. We have come here for the purpose of business, and I am sure it would not be edifying to you to listen to a speech from me at this time. It is not my intention to make one. We have come here upon important business; we have come here for the purpose, gentlemen, of carefully selecting delegates to represent the Republican party of California—to represent us at the Chicago Convention; we have come here for the purpose of choosing eight men to say with that Convention to the people of the country who shall be our next President of these United States. Gentlemen of the Convention: the manifestation of confidence which you have shown me, is doubly appreciated by me at this time, from this fact: That it is evident to me, and it will be evidence to my friends, that during the last campaign, as one of your standard bearers, my course met with the approbation of the Republicans of the State of California. I again return to you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred upon me, and await the pleasure of the Convention.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Mr. Crane moved that a Committee of five on credentials be appointed. Carried.

The Chair appointed as the Committee, Messrs. McLean, of Yuba; Hathaway of San Francisco; Baldwin, of El Dorado; Haycock, of Placer; and Faxon, of Tuolumne.

COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

H. S. Love, of San Francisco, moved the appointment of a Committee of ten by the Chair, to report permanent officers for the Convention, and an order of business to govern the proceedings.

Mr. Rabe, of San Francisco, moved to amend as follows: that two Committees be appointed—one to report permanent officers, and the other the order of business. Amendment carried.

The motion of H. S. Love, as amended, was then put and carried.

The Chair announced as the Committee on Permanent Organization: Messrs. H. S. Love, of San Francisco; W. N. Slocum, of Santa Cruz; R. Matheson, of Sonoma; B. F. Bachman, of Mariposa; J. P. H. Wentworth, of San Francisco; Charles Crocker, of Sacramento; P. P. Caine, of Butte; W. P. Jones, of Amador; S. D. Parker, of Tehama; James Compton, of Colusa.

The Chair announced as the Committee on Order of Business and Rules: Messrs. Rabe, of San Francisco; Snyder, of Yuba; Churchman, of Nevada; Snyder, of Calaveras; Houghton, of Solano; Bell, of Mariposa; Chase, of El Dorado; Sijl man, of Sacrament; Lull, of San Diego; and Thomas, of Santa Clara.

On motion of Mr. Haight, of San Francisco, the Convention took a recess until 12 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The Convention assembled at 12 M. President (*pro tem*) Sibley in the Chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Mr. McLean, from the Committee appointed to examine and pass upon credentials, reported the following as the names of those entitled to seats as members of the Convention:

Alameda—J A Mayhew, C B Tool, A E Field, F Fargo, Jas R McDonald.

Amador—F Upton, E Choate, F , W P Jones, M C Church, W M Balshaw, D R Rickey, J D Mason, S F Dexter,—Shoemaker.

Butte—R C Gaekell, Wright, G S Sumner, Ira Proctor, H Cummings, A L Chamberlain, G W Marsh, P Caine (proxy for G H Foster), J Mck Smith,—McCloy, L B Verney, J S Green, D W Cheesman.

Calaveras—F Snyder, J DeBeck, D H Swine, W H Leavitt, J H Buchman, H Conch, O B Powers, W O Gray

Colusa—J Compton, B M Hance.

Contra Costa—S M Swaine, E H Cox, J H Russell.

El Dorado—D Baldwin, W Jones, W H Pratt, J McCoy (W H Pratt, proxy). H L Hulburd, M W Sherman (by R Doncaster, proxy), A H Saxton, (L Stanford, proxy), J Barrell, W Cook, R Chase, J Barney, R E Trask, W Hatfield (W Cook, proxy), W O Applebee.

Fresno—Sam Bell.

Marin—L W Walker, G Steele.

Mariposa—G A G and (proxy), B F Bachman.

Merced—J A Nunes (proxy).

Monterey—A W Blair, Henry Baker (proxy).

Monduerno—A W Hall, Dr Rabe (proxy.)

Napa—G R Choate.

Nevada—J Boyce, D Bovyer, J H Fuller, R H Farquahr, T Taylor, J H Kingman, J C Harnan, J Churchman, A Sargent, M J Heydlauff, J S Dunn, W Caldwell, I Crawford, D Crittenden, J C (proxy.)

Placer—P H Sibley, S R Case, J A Sheldon, Lyman Stanford, C A Tuttle, J Lynn, F B Higgins (C J Hillyer, proxy,) J Ives Fitch, R M Clenan, G Haycock.

Plumas—T F Emmons, M S Aschtrim, T J McCormick, J H McNab, Dr Geiger.

Sacramento—Paschal Coggins, J Hull, W Timson, W M Harron, L Hermance, I B Marshall, J D B Stillman, L Stanford, J A Crocker, C Crocker, J Ames, S E Herrick, W H Weeks, J D Lord, A A DeLoug, J E Miller, C Cole, proxy for J D Lord.

San Diego—Joshua Sloan, (L R Lull, proxy.)

San Francisco—C A Crane, G H R Rand, H Haight, S C Harding, B W Hathaway, W Sherman, M S Whiting, W R Wheaton, R E Kerrison, E Wilson, H L Ford (F Whitney, proxy,) E N Torry, W C Mason (J M Taylor, proxy,) J P Rankin, W R Bailey, J P Zane, J E Bailey, G W Blake, J D Matheson, H S Love, A M Fells, A O Noyes (J C Stebbins, proxy,) W Niel (Nathaniel Paige, proxy,) A P Stanford (S H Parker, proxy,) J G E Davis, (W Y Patch, proxy,) G Alexander (B W Hathaway, proxy.) J P H Wentworth, S Tilton, P Whitbeck (Jerome Rice, proxy.)

San Joaquin—D J Staples, W Canfield, W H Ryerson, H B Post, J E Perley.

San Mateo—T G Phelps, R Murphy.

San Luis Obispo—E A Clark (S H Parker, proxy.) F Wickendon (T G Phelps, proxy.)

Santa Barbara—G Hudson.

Santa Clara—G W Towle, Lemnel Robinson, J F Kennedy, C G Thomas.

Santa Cruz—W N Slocum, J P Stearns, C K Ercanbrack.

Shasta—J C Hinckley, C Wingate, W K Conger.

Sierra—I Jennings, W Thompson, H A Howe, J Evans (F W Clute, proxy), J Hickley, G W Hazleton, W M Tracy, J M Haven, W A Donalson.

Solano—J W Jones, Hezekiah Sheldon, W F Shepherd, J M Baldwin, J F Houghton.

Sonoma—Roderick Matheson, W E Hull, J W Ford, W M Lyon, N R Ackerman, S F Barstow.

Sutter—G M Hanson, J Winchester.

Tehama—S D Parker, Owen Gerry.

Trinity—J F Chillis, J Martin, C H McClure, J Carr.

Tulare—Sam Bell, proxy.

Tuolumne—G C Havens, D S Earle, J Wood. W Winton.

Yolo—E Giddings, G W Reed, J Deming.

Yuba—Lewis Cunningham (J M Mathews, proxy), J T McLean, A J Snyder, G N Mott, H J Booth, G Pary, O F Redfield, J Kelly, S Atchison, J Parsons.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion it was agreed that in the event of there not being a full representation from each county, the full vote should be cast by such of the delegations were present.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

Mr. Love, from the Committee on Permanent Organization reported:

For President —Samuel H Parker, of San Francisco.

For Vice Presidents —J F Chillis, of Trinity; T G Phelps of San Mateo; J T McLean, of Yuba; Wm W Bebaw, of Amador; G W Towle, of Santa Clara

Secretari —Dr Wm Rabe, of San Francisco; W M Lyon of Sonoma.

Report received, and on motion adopted unanimously.

The President, upon assuming his seat, spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman [addressing Mr. Sibley] and gentlemen of the Republican Convention: I am sensible of the conferred upon me by the Republicans California—the most honorable body that could be gathered together on the Pacific coast. I congratulate you on the glorious prospect of electing Republican President of the United States this year. I congratulate you upon the prospect of glorious reform in all our national affairs. I congratulate you, and I congratulate our Eastern , that we have more than a hundred good true men, who have stood shoulder to shoulder the House of Representatives, carrying out Republican principles, for the last two months. And I have no doubt but that those Republicans will stand there to the end—not to the “,” but to the glorious end, when Republican principles shall triumph in Congress., Gentlemen of the Convention: I did not intend to make a , nor shall I indulge in making one. Once more permit me to thank you for the honor conference on me by selecting me to preside over your . It will be my aim to carry out your will and desires according to the best of my ability.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULES.

Dr. reported as follows:

Order Business—1. Election of permanent officers

2. Election of four delegates from the State at largest National Convention at Chicago.

3. Election of four district delegates, two from the and two from the southern part of the State Chicago Convention
4. Election of eight alternates to the same place.
5. Election of the State Central Committee, if such election is to be held at this time.

Committee recommend the adoption usually governing parliamentary bodies

—That no member shall speak more than nor longer than five minutes upon any one . Respectfully submitted, Wm. Rabe , Chairman.

Received.

moved to amend the rules in two particular moved to amend by providing that the eight should be chose without reference to the divisions recommended in the report of the committee; also, to amend by striking out the five minutes rule.

Motion to amend lost.

On motion the report was adopted.

The following named gentlemen were put in nomination for the office of delegate to the Chicago Republican Convention: F. P. Tracy, of San Francisco; Leland Stanford, of Sacramento; Saml. Bell, of Mariposa; A. A. Sargent, of Nevada; Charles A. Sumner, of San Francisco; D. J. Staples, of San Joaquin; S. F. Johnson, of Santa Clara; D. D. Cheesman, of Butte; Chas. Watrous, of San Francisco; Roderick Matheson, of Sonoma; J. C. Hinckley, of Shasta; J. M. Baldwin, of Solano; J. A. Nunes, of San Francisco; J. C. Wycker, of Amador; F. C. Haven, of Tuolumne; W. H. Pratt, of El Dorado; Benjamin M. Hance, of Colusa; Charles A. Tuttle, of Placer; John N. Hanson, of Sutter; Peter Witbeck, of San Francisco; Charles McDonald, of Alameda; George Stacey, of Sierra.

On motion of Charles Crocker, F. P. Tracy, of San Francisco, was elected, by acclamation and amid great applause, as one of the delegates of the State at large.

On motion of Charles Crocker, Leland Stanford, of Sacramento, was elected by acclamation, and his election as announced was greeted with applause.

On motion of Mr. McLean, of Yuba, A. A. Sargeant, of Nevada, and D. W. Cheesman, of Butte, were nominated and elected by acclamation, all as delegates of the State at large.

After some discussion the following gentlemen were put in nomination for District Delegates:

Sam Bell Mariposa

Charles Watrous San Francisco

Peter Witbeck San Francisco

C A Sumner Sacramento

D J Staples San Joaquin

S S Johnson Tehama

Rod. Matheson Sonoma

J C Hinckley Shasta

J C Wicker Amador

Isaac N W Baldwin Solano.

The Convention then proceeded to vote. The the votes of all the counties and was declared unanimously elected amid great applause.

Upon motion of T. J. Phelps, of San Mateo, Samuel Bell, of Mariposa, was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Upon motion of A. A. Sargent, D. J. Staples, of San Joaquin, was nominated and elected by acclamation.

Cornelius Cole, of Sacramento, moved that J. C. Hinckley, of Shasta, be nominated by acclamation. Objected to, and withdrawn.

Upon motion, Roderick Matheson was then elected the last remaining delegate.

The following gentlemen were then elected alternates by acclamation:

J. C. Hinckley, of Shasta; Isaac M. Baldwin, of Solano; John B. Zine, of San Francisco; Francis Snyder, of Calaveras; James Churchman, of Nevada.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

On motion of Charles Crocker, a Committee was appointed consisting of the following gentlemen, to nominate a State Central Committee.

Alameda F Fargo

Amador F Tibbets

Butte D W Chessman

Calaveras F Snyder

Colusa J Compton

Contra Costa S M Swain

El Dorado W H Pratt

Fresno S Bell

Marin L W Walker

Mariposa B F Bichman

Merced J A Nunes

Monterey A W Blair

Mendocino A W Hall

Napa G R Choate

Nevada R H Farquahr

Placer P H Sibley

Plumas T F Emmons

Sacramento C Crocker

San Diego J Sloan

San Francisco I P Rankin

San Joaquin W Caulfield

San Louis Obispo T G Phelps

San Mateo R Murphy

Santa Barbara G Hudson

Santa Clara L Robinson

Santa Cruz W N Slocam

Shusta C Wingate

Sierra J M Havens

Solano J W Jones

Sonoma J W Ford

Sutter G M Hanson

Tehuma S D Parker

Trinity J F Chillis

Yolo J Deming

Yuba A J Snyder

Tuolumne G C Havens

E. B. Crocker moved that the State Central Committee consist of only seven members—four from San Francisco, two from Sacramento, and one from Marysville.

Mr. Staples moved to add one from San Joaquin.

Mr. Lull moved to refer the whole matter to the Committee just appointed. Carried.

The Convention then adjourned until half past 7 P.M.

Evening Session.

The Convention met at 7 P.M.

The Chair stated the business of the Convention, which was to elect three alternate delegates to the Chicago Convention, and to elect a State Central Committee.

A. A. Sargent moved that the roll be called, and the balloting proceed by counties. Carried.

The Secretary read the names of candidates in nomination, as follows:

S. F. Johnson, of Santa Clara; J. R. McDonald, of Alameda; J. C. Wicker, of Amador; Benj. M. Hanz, of Coloma; G. C. Havens, of Tuolumne; J. A. Nunes, of San Francisco; L. W. Walker, of Marin; W. H. Pratt, of El Dorado; P. Witbeck, of San Francisco; G. M. Hanson, of Sutter.

G. M. Hanson, of Sutter, withdrew his name from the list.

J. Rice, of San Francisco, withdrew the name of P. Witbeck.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for the remaining three alternates, and the following gentlemen were duly elected:

J. R. McDonald, of Alameda; J. A. Nunes, of San Francisco; J. C. Wicker, of Amador.

J. F. Houghton, of Solano, moved that the alternates take the place of delegates in the order in which they are elected.

T. G. Phelps amended, by proposing that the delegates choose among themselves which of the alternates shall fill their places.

I. P. Rankin moved, as a substitute, that in case of the inability of any one of the delegates to attend the Convention, he shall name the alternate to cast his vote; and in case he shall fail to do so, the remainder of the delegation shall be authorized to make selection. Carried.

Charles Crocker presented the following report of the Committee appointed to nominate a State Central Committee:

The Committee appointed to report the names of gentlemen to compose the State Central Committee for the ensuing year, report as follows:

The Committee shall consist of nine—Six from San Francisco, one each from Sacramento, Marysville and Stockton, and report the following names: B W Hathaway, Wm Rabe, Gilbert A Grant, F B Folger, John Satterlee and Henry Baker, of San Francisco; Austin Sperry, of Stockton; John J McLean, of Marysville; and Jacob Shew, of Sacramento.

F. F. Fargo made a minority report recommending that the selection of the San Francisco members on the Committee be referred to the delegation from that place.

I. B. Marshall, of Sacramento, claimed a similar privilege for Sacramento.

C. C. Crocker moved that the names of the whole Committee, as selected, be acted upon separately by the Convention, and if there were objections to any, that new names might be put in nomination and acted upon.

I. B. Marshall thought the first business before the Convention was to accept the report.

Report accepted and Committee discharged.

Mr. Houghton moved that the San Francisco delegation shall have power to add such names to the list of members from that city as they shall think proper.

I. B. Marshall made a similar motion on behalf of the Sacramento delegation.

After some discussion, I. B Marshall moved that the report of the Committee be laid on the table. Lost.

H. S. Love moved, as an amendment to previous motion, that the report of the Committee be now adopted.

The motion was carried and the report declared adopted.

After this, F. P. Tracy was called for, and addressed the Convention. He was followed by W. H. Weeks, J. Churchman, L Stanford and D. W. Cheesman, each receiving many cheers and rounds of applause.

At the close of the speaking, I. P. Rankin offered the following resolution:

Resolved , That it is of the utmost importance to the interests of the Republican party that a central organ be sustained, and that we recommend earnestly to the Republicans of the State to do all in their power to aid in the circulation of the San Francisco Times ; pledging ourselves, the members of this Convention, to do likewise.

Carried, and ordered to be transferred to the State Central Committee for action.

Resolved , That a just, true and equitable rule of representation in all political association is necessary for great and permanent success, therefore—

Resolved , That no proxy will be hereafter allowed in the Republican Conventions of this State, unless said proxy be a resident of the county for which he holds the proxy.

Referred to the State Central Committee.

E. B. Crocker moved that the proceedings of this Convention be published in the Sacramento *Union* and the San Francisco Times .

With three cheers for the Republican party and its prospects for electing the next President, on motion the Convention adjourned *sine die* .

S. H. PARKER, President.

WM. RABE, Secretary.

A true copy of the Minutes . WM. RABE, Secretary.

The State Central Committee have since organized, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

B. W. HATHAWAY, Chairman.



HENRY BAKER, Record'g Sec'y.

WM. RABE, Corresponding Sec'y.

Official correspondence to be directed to DR. WM. RABE, San Francisco.