

The Colored Conference.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

To-day the colored conference held its third day's session. Other delegates were admitted to seats in the hall. Wrought up over the report of yesterday's proceedings in the morning Telegram, wherein much ridicule was indulged, the first business of the conference was to pass a resolution forbidding the secretary to furnish the Telegram reporter any documents relative to the conference or permit him to see the minutes under any consideration, denouncing the Telegram in its comments alluding to the proceedings and stigmatizing the report and reporter's comments as unjust and false. Further, advising the colored people of the state to have nothing to do with the paper either as advertisers or subscribers.

The above resolution was offered by delegate Ruby.

Votes of thanks were tendered delegate C. F. Hicks, of Washington county, for the able address offered by him, and adopted by the committee on address, and to judge B. A. Hackworth, of Brenham, for his efforts in encouraging the colored people of Texas to migrate. A lengthy debate followed on the exodus question, the majority of the delegates favoring it, others advocating the making a last appeal to the white people of the south for a redress of wrongs, and holding another conference to receive and consider their answer.

Upon the subject scores of resolutions were offered and referred to committee on migration. The following is a fair sample of others upon the subject:

ON MIGRATION.

By J. C. Akers, Walker county: Taking into consideration all the grievances to which the colored people of the state are subjected; being denied the rights as freemen born, in the enjoyment of our rights upon the railroads, and, in fact, upon all the public highways within the state, and, in fact, in all the states of the south; therefore,

Be it resolved, that the colored people of the state of Texas, in conference assembled, that it is the best interest of the colored people that they should migrate to some one of the states or territories in the United States north of Mason and Dixon's line.

Referred.

The afternoon session was occupied in receiving the following resolutions and committee reports:

CIVIL AND POLITICAL LIBERTIES.

The committee on above caption reported:

1. We hold that we are citizens of the United States, endowed with certain rights, among which is life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

2. These rights have been guaranteed by the constitution of the United States.

3. We have been deprived of these rights, and as a man has a right men en masse have rights, and the most melancholy feature in the existence of man is his ignorance of being oppressed. To show that the feeling of dissatisfaction exists among our people not without cause, we beg to cite the following rights that we are deprived of: 1. "Sec. 10, the act of 1875, chap. 114, sec. 1st, 18th U. S. states at large, page 535, which reads "that all persons within the United States, etc."

That it is a well known fact that the old Bourbon element of the northern states has deprived, and do continue to deprive, us of all of our civil and political rights in order to perpetuate our ignorance and control our labor.

Therefore an emergency exists, and the sentiment of our people is that, having appealed to all of the highest tribunals of the land for assistance, and having had no response, that we go away to ourselves where, under the broad stars and stripes that we helped to defend, we may be secure in the exercise of all our political and civil liberties.

H. RUBY, Chairman.

Adopted.

UNION TO SENATOR STEWART.

Be it resolved, that we do tender our humble thanks, to the Hon. Charles Stewart, senator from Houston, Harris county, and all others in the legislature, for their noble fight in favor of the school bill.

Adopted.

EDUCATION.

The above committee reported:

1. The great value of a comprehensive and thoroughly reliable mode of education is to insure a complete system, of free schools.

2. The interest manifested in late years for the desire of an English and common school education suggests that we encourage the execution of such laws that will enable us to enjoy that privilege.

3. The colored people are an industrious and energetic race, appreciating education, and taking advantage of the same whenever opportunities are afforded, and that it would be more beneficial and congenial with a degree of uniformity if there were such laws enacted for the maintenance of an efficient system of public education.

4. We deprecate the action of our executive in vetoing the bill appropriating one-fourth of the general revenue for the maintenance of public free schools, thereby depriving our children of a common education which they so sorely need.

5. The foundation stone of education and character must be laid in the grand race of life, as life is a contest in which the weak will be beaten by the strong, and if there are no stimulants of education that actuate honorable men to fit themselves for the best policies of government, then our struggle is in vain.

6. We therefore advise the colored people to establish and maintain private schools, to hand in hand walk education, religion and civilization, binding up the wounds made in battles, and teaching all mankind the power of their sentiment. These have resulted in the cultivation of his mind and the protection of his life and liberty.

A. F. JACKSON, Chm'n.

Adopted.

THANKS TO THE RAILROADS.

In view of the fact that many favors have been shown us by the different railroad companies, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, as the representatives of the colored people of Texas, do hereby tender our heartfelt thanks to the officers of the different roads centering at the city of Houston and other roads over the state for the favor shown us in giving us reduced fares over their lines. Adopted.

COMPLIMENT TO RICHARD ALLEN.

Whereas the Hon. Richard Allen, of the city of Houston, has in all events signified his adhesion to the true principles of the political, moral and social interests of the

colored people of the state; and whereas on the present occasion he has figured conspicuously and has been instrumental in bringing us together, the largest, most intelligent and unbiased body or assemblage of colored men ever held in the state of Texas; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we tender a vote of thanks to the Hon. Richard Allen for the kind, courteous and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations.

Resolved further, that we invoke the Divine and Supreme Ruler of the Universe to ever shower down upon him the blessings of eternal prosperity.

Adopted.

APPOINTED.

The colored conference adjourned sine die. Commissioners were elected to encourage the exodus movement, one from each congressional district. First—C. Butler, of Smith county. Second—W. W. Lewis, of Gregg county. Third—To be appointed by the chair. Fourth—L. H. McCalab, of Fort Bend. Fifth—H. Ruby, of Barksden. Sixth—G. M. Trousechair, of Hayes. The printing of the proceedings were guarded Richard Nelson, of Galveston.