Errata

Please note that page 1004 of the House Journal of the Regular Session of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature contains errors:

- The page number was mistakenly printed as "1104", but it is in fact page 1004.
- The date was mistakenly printed as "April 22, 1869", but it is in fact April 22, 1897.

Please note that page 1029 also contains an error:

- The eighteenth line up from the end of the page was mistakenly printed upside-down and backwards.

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FIRST DAY.

Hall House of Representatives, Austin, Tex., Tuesday, Jan. 12.

In accordance with the provisions of Title LXV, chapters 1 and 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature assembled this day in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the City of Austin at 12 o'clock, meridian. Hon. J. W. Madsen, Secretary of State, called the honorable House to order.

After briefly stating his duty, he introduced the Rev. R. J. Briggs of Travis county, who invoked the blessings of Almighty God upon the assembly.

For the purposes of temporary organization, the Hon. Secretary of State then appointed Geo. W. Finger of Tarrant county Chief Clerk, Marshall Burney of Atascosa county Journal Clerk, and the following Sergeants-at-Arms pro temp.: John S. Doughtie of Nacogdoches county, J. C. Carr of Bexar county, B. W. Morris of Hood county, W. E. Gilliland of Callahan county, D. S. Lindsey of Tyler county, J. S. Boggs of Kaufman county, Dan Ford of McLennan county, and J. R. Watkins of Harris county.

The honorable Secretary then administered the oath of office to the Chief Clerk pro tem., who was directed to call the roll of the counties of the State.


Lavaca—J. M. Kirk.
Lee—F. M. Mundine.
Leon—L. T. Dashiel.
Limestone—James Kimbell.
Madison—W. L. Dean, J. F. Randolph.
Marion—A. B. Flint.
Mason—Calvin Thaxton.
Matagorda—A. D. Hensley.
McLennan—J. T. Sluder, Albert Bird.
Medina—Sam T. Jones.
Menard—James Callan.
Midland—H. E. Crowley.
Milam—N. H. Tracy.
Montague—G. W. Savage.
Montgomery—A. W. Morris.
Nacogdoches—W. A. Skillern.
Navarro—A. F. Wood.
Newton—T. H. Good.
Nueces—D. McNell Turner.
Pampa—C. P. Carswell.
Parker—H. C. Shropshire.
Rains—J. W. Humphrey.
Red River—P. W. Henderson.
Robertson—W. P. Blackburn.
Rockwall—H. W. Manson.
Rusk—C. C. Doyle.
San Jacinto—G. W. McKellar.
Shelby—T. S. Garrison.
Smith—John M. Logan, B. B. Beard.
Starr—F. W. Seabury.
Tarrant—B. P. Ayres, F. R. Wallace.
Taylor—John T. Tucker.
Titus—H. T. Rhea.
Travis—R. H. Ward, L. D. Hill.
Trinity—B. F. Bean.
Upshur—J. M. Dorroh.
Van Zandt—John T. Curry.
Victoria—T. C. McFarland.
Washington—Ben F. Rogers.
Webb—H. G. Dickinson.
Wharton—J. H. H. Dennis.
Williamson—J. W. Robbins.
Williamson—A. S. Fisher, John A. Brewster.
Wise—J. L. Crawford.

The Secretary then directed the Clerk to administer the oath of office to the members, which was done as follows, each member rising and repeating his name:

I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent upon me as a member of the House of Representatives, according to the best of my skill and ability, agreeably to the Constitution and laws of the United States and of the State, and I do further solemnly swear that, since the adoption of the Constitution of this State, I being a citizen of this State, have not fought a duel with deadly weapons, within this State nor out of it, nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons, nor have I acted as second in carrying a challenge, or acted, advised or assisted any person thus offending; and I furthermore solemnly swear that I have not, directly or indirectly, paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed nor promised to contribute, any money or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected, so help me God.

The Chair then announced that there was a quorum present; and that the first business in order was the

ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

Hon. R. H. Ward of Travis county nominated Hon. L. T. Dashiel of Leon county.


The nomination of Mr. Burney was seconded by Hon. Z. B. Stokes of Cherokee.

There being no other nominations, the Hon. Secretary appointed as tellers to take up the ballots the following: W. R. Bounds, W. W. Dies, O. T. Maxwell and J. D. Childs.

To count the ballots: F. W. Seabury, J. F. Wolters, T. B. Williams.

The Secretary announced the result as follows:

Hon. L. T. Dashiel received 120 votes.

Hon. J. G. Burney received 8 votes.

Mr. Burney rose in his seat and moved to make the election of Mr. Dashiel unanimous by a rising vote.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Cureton, and prevailed unanimously.

The Secretary then announced that Mr. Dashiel had been chosen Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, and appointed Hon. R. H. Ward of Travis county and Hon. T. S. Garrison of Shelby county to escort the Speaker-elect to the chair.

Hon. J. W. Madden, Secretary of State, then delivered the gavel to the Speaker-elect, who spoke as follows:

"Mr. Secretary, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

"The position to which you have elected me involves both a personal
honor and a great responsibility. For the honor I sincerely thank you. The responsibility I am unable to bear unless your gracious aid is accorded me. Confidently do I invoke that aid in the interest of our State whose magnificent citizenship we represent.

Recently and in a decisive manner the voters of Texas have endorsed the administration of public affairs by the democracy of our State, and expressed their confidence in the sincerity of the party's declaration of principles. We have asserted that the useless expenditure of the people's money is a public crime, and promised a continuance of honesty and economy in the administration of the government.

We have seen the laws of the land evaded because of unnecessary and purely technical provisions, and guaranteed such changes as will establish justice and secure its manifold blessings.

We have been brought to an appreciation of the matchless resources of our State, and have pledged the enactment of laws that will encourage the investment of capital, and protect the fruits of industry, and secure protection to all races in the enjoyment of life and liberty and in the pursuit of happiness.

We have plighted our honor to further develop the magnificent public school system of our State, including the University and its branches, and truthfully declared that the Democratic party is the champion of that higher civilization which can only be attained by a general diffusion of knowledge.

The importance of these declarations is emphasized when we realize that the record made by this Legislature will determine the result of future political contests. The people of Texas will not be deceived, nor will they permit their interests to be trifled with. The situation demands of us the exercise of conservatism, unselfish cooperation and fidelity to public pledges.

Into our hands has been temporarily committed the destiny of a great commonwealth, whose history is an inspiration and whose future is teeming with magnificent possibilities. So great is the trust, so grave the responsibility, that we are constrained to pause for a moment and in the solemnity of the occasion invoke the guidance of an overruling Providence.

Devoted to the State of my nativity, theirs by her traditions, and mindful of her welfare, I pledge my cooperation as presiding officer in your deliberations. Let our highest aim be to protect the honor of Texas; our one ambition to contribute to the prosperity of her people; and our coveted reward the gratitude of a happy and patriotic constituency.
The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being the substitute by Mr. McGaughey for the resolution by Mr. Martin.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the substitute was tabled and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Bailey offered the following resolution, which was read second time and adopted:

Resolved, That the Speaker be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint immediately eight pages, five porters and eight committee clerks and one private secretary for the Speaker, who shall serve as such during the present session, and shall receive such compensation for their services as shall be hereafter fixed by the House.

**DRAWING SEATS.**

In accordance with the resolution just adopted, the Speaker requested all the members to vacate their seats. The Chief Clerk prepared tickets with the name of each member, placed them in a covered hat, mixed them well, and as he drew out each ticket calling the name of the member it bore, said member answered to his name and chose his seat.

Mr. Rogan offered the following resolution, which was read second time and adopted:

Resolved, That until the report of a Committee on Revision of Rules is received and adopted, the Rules of Order of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature be and are hereby adopted for the government and regulation of this House.

Dr. Drew offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives do now proceed to complete its organization by electing the following officers in the order named, and that a majority of all the votes cast be necessary to elect:

First—One Chief Clerk.
Second—One Sergeant-at-Arms.
Third—One Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.
Fourth—One Reading Clerk.
Fifth—One Assistant Reading Clerk.
Sixth—One Journal Clerk.
Seventh—One Assistant Journal Clerk.
Eighth—One Calendar Clerk.
Ninth—One Engrossing Clerk.
Tenth—One Enrolling Clerk.
Eleventh—One Doorkeeper.
Twelfth—One Assistant Doorkeeper.
Thirteenth—One Postmaster.
Fourteenth—One Chaplain.

Each of them shall receive four dollars per day for his services, except Chief Clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Journal Clerk, who shall each receive five dollars per day for his services.

Read second time, and Mr. Beard offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding Reading Clerk to the five dollar list.

Mr. Blair offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives shall now proceed to complete its organization by electing the following officers in the order named, and that a majority of all the votes cast be necessary to elect:

First—One Chief Clerk.
Second—One Sergeant-at-Arms.
Third—One Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.
Fourth—One Reading Clerk.
Fifth—One Assistant Reading Clerk.
Sixth—One Journal Clerk.
Seventh—One Assistant Journal Clerk.
Eighth—One Calendar Clerk.
Ninth—One Engrossing Clerk.
Tenth—One Enrolling Clerk.
Eleventh—One Doorkeeper.
Twelfth—One Assistant Doorkeeper.
Thirteenth—One Postmaster.
Fourteenth—One Chaplain.

Each of them shall receive such compensation for his services as the House may afterwards determine.

The substitute was lost.

Question recurred on the amendment by Mr. Beard, and Mr. Bertram moved to lay it on the table.

The motion to table was lost.

On motion of Mr. Martin, the previous question was ordered.

The amendment was lost.
Mr. Blair called for a division of the resolution. The first division was read and adopted. The second division was read and adopted. The resolution was then adopted as a whole.

Mr. Bailey offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the nomination of officers for the House, nominating speeches shall be limited to two minutes and seconding speeches to one minute, and there shall be no more than one nominating speech and one seconding speech.

Read second time and

Mr. Evans of Grayson offered the following substitute:

 Whereas, Much time is needlessly consumed in speeches nominating and seconding candidates for officers of this House at great expense to the State; therefore, be it

Resolved, That speeches be dispensed with and voting proceed at once, after a list of the candidates for each office, respectively, has been read by the Clerk. (Signed—Seabury, Evans of Grayson, Reubell.)

On motion of Mr. Robbins, the substitute was tabled.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHIEF CLERK.

Mr. Wolters nominated Lee J. Rountree of Hays county. There were no other nominations and the speaker requested the same tellers to act as in the forenoon.

The result of the ballot was as follows:

Mr. Rountree received 122 votes.
Mr. Rountree at once appeared before the Chief Clerk, who administered the oath of office, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The following message was received from the Senate:

Senate Chamber.
Austin, Texas, Jan. 12, 1897.
Hon. L. T. Dashiell, Speaker House of Representatives.

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has completed its organization by the election of the following officers:

Hon. J. B. Dibrell of Guadalupe, President pro tem.
Will Lambert of Harris, Secretary.
R. E. Dodson of Navarro, Assistant Secretary.
W. B. O'Quinn of Angelina, Journal Clerk.

W. J. Crawford of Travis, Assistant Journal Clerk.
Fount Ray of Ellis, Calendar Clerk.
W. F. Linn of Wharton, Engrossing Clerk.
J. L. Stephenson of Taylor, Enrolling Clerk.
C. H. Allen of Travis, Sergeant-at-Arms.
V. F. Pace of Dallas, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.
John W. Dale of Wise, Doorkeeper.
Martin Jimenez of Bexar, Assistant Doorkeeper.

WILL LAMBERT, Secretary.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

(Mr. Rogan in the chair.)
Mr. Holland of Harris nominated J. R. Waties of Harris county.
Mr. McGaughey nominated B. W. Morris of Hood county.
Mr. Wilcox nominated J. S. Boggs of Kaufman county.
Mr. Blair nominated J. C. Carr of Bexar county.
Mr. Tucker nominated W. E. Gilliland of Callahan county.
Mr. Staples seconded the nomination of B. W. Morris.
Mr. Bernam nominated John S. Doughtie of Nacogdoches.
(Speaker in the chair.)
Mr. Harris nominated D. S. Lindsey of Tyler county.
Mr. Dean seconded the nomination of J. R. Waties.
Mr. Drew seconded the nomination of J. S. Boggs.
Mr. Kimbell seconded the nomination of J. C. Carr.
Mr. Garrison seconded the nomination of J. S. Doughtie.
Mr. Dies seconded the nomination of Mr. D. S. Lindsey.

Nominations were closed and the tellers instructed to take up the ballots.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

J. R. Waties received 26 votes.
B. W. Morris received 10 votes.
J. C. Carr received 26 votes.
W. E. Gilliland received 15 votes.
John S. Doughtie received 18 votes.
David S. Lindsey received 8 votes.
J. S. Boggs received 24 votes.

There being no election, a second ballot was ordered, which resulted as follows:

J. R. Waties received 34 votes.
B. W. Morris received 9 votes.
J. C. Carr received 26 votes.
W. E. Gilliland received 9 votes.
John S. Doughle received 17 votes.
David S. Lindsey received 5 votes.
J. S. Boggs received 27 votes.

There being no election, a third ballot was ordered.
Mr. McGaughey withdrew the name of B. W. Morris. The result of the third ballot was as follows:
J. R. Waties received 48 votes.
J. C. Carr received 27 votes.
J. S. Doughie received 39 votes.

There being no election, another ballot was ordered.
Mr. Garrison withdrew the name of J. S. Doughtie.

The result of the fourth ballot was as follows:
J. R. Waties received 47 votes.
J. C. Carr received 33 votes.
J. S. Boggs received 39 votes.

On motion of Mr. Tracy, the House adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

HALL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
AUSTIN, TEX., WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13.

The House met at 9 o'clock pursuant to adjournment.
Speaker Dashiell in the chair.

Roll called, and the following members present:

Alexander, Dean.
Ayers, Dennis.
Bailey, Dickinson.
Barbee, Dies.
Barrett, Dorroh.
Bean, Drew.
Bell, Doyle.
Benson, Edwards.
Bennett, Evans of Grayson.
Bertram, Evans of Hunt.
Bird, Ewing.
Blacksburn, Field of Grayson.
Blair, Fields of Hill.
Boone, Fisher.
Boyd, Flint.
Brewster, Freeman.
Brown, Garrison.
Bumpass, Gilbough.
Burney, Good.
Burns, Graham.
Burd, Green.
Buell, Harris.
Callan, Henderson.
Carswell, Hill of Gonzales.
Childs, Hill of Travis.
Collier, Holland of Burnet.
Conoly, Holland of Harris.
Crawford, Humphrey.
Curtin, Hensley.
Curry, Jones.
Kimbell, Rogan.
Kirk, Rogers.
Lillard, Reubell.
Logan, Rudd.
Lotto, Savage.
Love, Schlick.
Manson, Seabury.
Martin, Shelburne.
Maxwell, Shropshire.
McKamy, Sluder.
McFarland, Smyth.
McGaughey, Stamer.
McKellar, Staples.
Meade, Stokes.
Mercer, Strother.
Moore, Fort Bend, Skillern.
Moore of Lamar, Thaxton.
Morris, Thomas.
Morton, Thompson.
Mundine, Tracy.
Neighbors, Tucker.
O'Connor, Turner.
Oliver, Vaughan of Collin.
Patterson, Vaughan, Guadalupe.
Peery, Wall.
Pfeiffer, Wallace.
Pitts, Wolters.
Porter, Ward.
Randolph, Welch.
Reiger, Wilcox.
Rhea, Williams.
Robbins, Wood.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer by Rev. Frank T. Mitchell of Smith county.

Reading of the Journal of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Williams, further reading was dispensed with.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being election of Sergeant-at-Arms, four ballots having already been taken.

The Speaker requested the same tellers to act as yesterday.

The fifth ballot resulted as follows:
J. R. Waties received 46 votes.
J. C. Carr received 32 votes.
J. S. Boggs received 46 votes.

There being no election, the Speaker directed that another ballot be taken.
Mr. Blair withdrew the name of J. C. Carr.

The sixth ballot resulted as follows:
J. R. Waties received 50 votes.
J. S. Boggs received 60 votes.

Mr. J. S. Boggs having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly and constitutionally elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature.

Mr. Boggs at once presented himself before the Chief Clerk, who administered the oath of office.