The Speaker appointed the following tellers:

To take up the ballots—Messrs. Clements, Palmer and Neff.

To count the ballots—Messrs. Selburne, Allen of Hopkins, and Garrett.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

Mr. Rountree received 62 votes.
Mr. Cullom received 31 votes.
Mr. Haile received 16 votes.
Mr. Peery received 15 votes.

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

Mr. Rountree received 74 votes.
Mr. Cullom received 24 votes.
Mr. Haile received 11 votes.
Mr. Peery received 12 votes.

Mr. Rountree having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

Mr. Rountree came forward and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Speaker.

Mr. Kittrell offered the following resolution, which was read second time and unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the State of Texas has heard with profound sorrow of the death of that gallant soldier, knightly gentleman and faithful public servant of Texas,

WOODFORD HAYWARD MABRY,
late Colonel of the First Regiment, Texas Volunteer Infantry, and that the sympathies of this body be and are hereby tendered to his wife, children and aged mother: and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to his bereaved family, duly attested by the Speaker and Clerk: and that this House do now adjourn until 9 o'clock a.m. tomorrow out of respect to the memory of the noble dead.

Accordingly the House adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday Jan. 11, 1890.

The House met at 9 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Roll called and the following members present:

Adams, Allen, Ayers, Bailey, Barbee, Barrett, Bean, Bennett, Blount, Blunt
was excused till next Monday, on account of important business.

ELECTION OF SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The Speaker announced that nominations were in order.

Mr. Neff nominated Tip Jones of Collin county.

Mr. Sansom nominated Henry C. Purl of Williamson county.

Mr. Lillard nominated Lee Satterwhite of Freestone county.

Mr. Shropshire nominated Wm. A. Fields of Hill county.

Mr. Pitts seconded the nomination of Mr. Fields.

Mr. Little seconded the nomination of Mr. Purl.

Mr. Bridgers seconded the nomination of Mr. Satterwhite.

Mr. Vaughan seconded the nomination of Tip Jones of Collin county.

The Speaker appointed the following tellers:

To take up the ballots—Messrs. Decker, Wells and Adams.

Mr. Fields received 27 votes.

Mr. Satterwhite received 15 votes.

There being no election a second ballot was ordered.

Mr. Lillard withdrew the name of Mr. Satterwhite.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

Mr. Jones received 59 votes.

Mr. Purl received 17 votes.

Mr. Fields received 27 votes.

Mr. Satterwhite received 15 votes.

There being no election a second ballot was ordered.

Mr. Lillard withdrew the name of Mr. Satterwhite.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

Mr. Jones received 59 votes.

Mr. Purl received 17 votes.

Mr. Fields received 27 votes.

Mr. Satterwhite received 15 votes.

Mr. Jones having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature.

Mr. Jones appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

Nominations were declared in order.

The Speaker announced the following tellers:

To take up the ballots—Messrs. Hurley, Mercer, Smith of Collin, Willacy and McDowell.

To count the ballots—Messrs. Powell, Rogers and Garner.

Mr. Robertson of Bell nominated W. H. Taylor of Bell county.

Mr. Decker nominated Chas. D. Kinney of Childress county.

Mr. Parish seconded the nomination of Mr. Kinney.

Mr. Shropshire seconded the nomination of Mr. Taylor.

(Mr. Shelburne in the chair.)

Mr. Taylor received 74 votes.

Mr. Kinney received 46 votes.

ELECTION OF READING CLERK.

Mr. Tarver offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in lieu of nominating speeches for Reading Clerk the candidates be required to read before the House a paragraph to be selected by the Speaker from the Constitution of the State of Texas.

Read second time and Mr. Lillard offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That as a test of the qualifications of the candidates for Reading Clerk and Assistant Reading Clerk each of them, after all nominations have been made, shall read from the Chief Clerk's desk a section of the State Constitution, to be selected by the Speaker, and then call the roll of the House one time. The substitute was accepted and the resolution as substituted was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

The Speaker then announced nominations for Reading Clerk in order.

Mr. Cole nominated A. H. Hudgins of Johnson county.

Mr. Derden nominated Mark Logan of Hamilton county.

Mr. Kittrell nominated J. D. Roberdeau of Travis county.

Mr. Thomas of Fannin nominated E. W. Smith of Smith county.

Mr. Powell seconded the nomination of Mr. Hudgins.

Mr. Grogan seconded the nomination of Mr. Logan.

Mr. Lillard seconded the nomination of Mr. Smith.

TEST OF READING.

The candidates for Reading Clerk were each requested to come forward and read from the Clerk's desk in accordance with a resolution just adopted, the Speaker selecting Section 8 of Article XV of the State Constitution.

The candidates nominated complied (except Mr. Roberdeau) and read in the order named, viz.: First, A. H. Hudgins; second, Mark Logan; third, E. W. Smith.

The Speaker appointed the following tellers:

To take up the ballots—Messrs. Lloyd, McClellan, McFarland, Looney, Bean and Frost.

To count the ballots—Messrs. Russell, Rochelle and Browne.

Mr. Hudgins received 5 votes.
Mr. Logan received 66 votes.
Mr. Roberdeau received 1 vote.
Mr. Smith received 44 votes.

SENATE ORGANIZED.

A committee consisting of Senators Ross, Johnson and Goss appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, stated that the Senate was organized and ready for business.

The House resumed pending business and the Speaker announced that Mr. Logan having received a majority of all the votes cast was declared duly and constitutionally elected Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature. He then appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS TAKES OATH OF OFFICE.

Mr. W. H. Taylor, who had been elected Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, was requested to come forward and appear before the Speaker's desk to take the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

ELECTION OF ASSISTANT READING-CLERK.

The Speaker declared nominations in order.

Mr. Rogers nominated Chas. M. Roberts of Travis county.
Mr. Pitts nominated J. M. Fennell of Hill county.
Mr. Wells nominated E. W. Smith of Smith county.
Mr. Savage nominated B. Y. Cummings of Hill county.
Mr. Morrow seconded the nomination of Mr. Roberts.

(Mr. Henderson of Lamar, in the chair.)

TEST OF READING.

The candidates for assistant reading clerk were then requested to come forward and comply with a resolution of the House, as in the case of the candidates for Reading Clerk, which they did in the following order: First, C. M. Roberts; second, J. M. Fennell; third, B. Y. Cummings; fourth, E. W. Smith.

The Chair appointed the following tellers:
To take up the ballots—Messrs. Dean, Sutherland, Terrell, McAnnally, Pfeuffer and Tate.
To count the votes—Messrs. Childers, Greenwood and Gordon.

(Speaker in the chair.)

The first ballot resulted as follows:
Mr. Roberts received 33 votes.
Mr. Fennell received 14 votes.
Mr. Smith received 54 votes.
Mr. Cummings received 18 votes.

There was no election and the Speaker ordered a second ballot, whereupon Mr. Savage moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock p.m. today; Mr. Powell until 2 p.m. m. today, and Mr. Rochelle until 1:30 p.m. today.

Question being on the longest time first, the motion was lost, and the House, at 12:20 p.m. adjourned until 2 p.m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 p.m., pursuant to adjournment.

Speaker Sherrill in the chair.

Rolle called and quorum present.

Pending business being second ballot in the election of Assistant Reading Clerk, the Speaker laid the same before the House, the same tellers acting as in the forenoon.

The second ballot resulted as follows:
Mr. Roberts received 52 votes.
Mr. Fennell received 5 votes.
Mr. Smith received 49 votes.
Mr. Cummings received 10 votes.

There being no election a third ballot was ordered.

Mr. Staples withdrew the name of Mr. Cummings.
Mr. Pitts withdrew the name of Mr. Fennell.

The third ballot resulted as follows:
Mr. Roberts received 67 votes.
Mr. Smith received 50 votes.

ELECTION OF JOURNAL CLERK.

Mr. Dies moved to suspend the operation of the resolution adopted yesterday in regard to election of officers so as to dispense with the ballot so far as it is applicable to the office of Journal Clerk and Assistant Journal Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

The Speaker then announced that nominations for Journal Clerk were in order.

Mr. Murray nominated Marshall Burney of Atascosa county.

There being no other nominations, on motion of Mr. Dies, Mr. Burney was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Roberts, who had been elected Assistant Reading Clerk, and Mr. Burney, who had been elected Journal Clerk, both appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.
ELECTION OF ASSISTANT JOURNAL CLERK.

The Speaker announced that nominations were in order, and Mr. Monroe nominated J. L. Robinson of Williamson county.

There being no other nominations, on motion of Mr. Masterson, Mr. Robinson was elected by acclamation.

Mr. Robinson appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

ELECTION OF CALENDAR CLERK.

The Speaker announced nominations for Calendar Clerk in order.

Mr. Teagle nominated Jack Dies of Jefferson county.

Mr. Scurry nominated Louis F. Fishback of Brazoria county.

Mr. Devden nominated Robert Barker of Ellis county.

Mr. Shropshire nominated J. C. Son of Palo Pinto county.

Mr. Smith of Grayson seconded the nomination of Mr. Dies.

Mr. Loyd seconded the nomination of Mr. Barker.

Mr. Nolan seconded the nomination of Mr. Fishback.

Mr. Gordon seconded the nomination of Mr. Dies.

The Speaker appointed the following tellers:

To collect the ballots—Messrs. Staples, Shelp, and Sansom.

To take up the ballot—Messrs. Garrett, Culp, Morris, Phillips of Camp, Grogan and Sansom.

To count the votes—Messrs. Grubbs, Lillard and McKamy.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

Mr. McFarland received 83 votes.

Mr. Day received 41 votes.

Mr. McFarland having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Calendar Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature. He then appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

ELECTION OF ENGROSSING CLERK.

The Speaker announced nominations in order.

Mr. Decker nominated S. P. Weisiger, Jr. of Victoria county.

Mr. Tucker nominated R. S. Rich of Comanche county.

Mr. Barrett seconded the nomination of Mr. Weisiger.

Mr. Palmer seconded the nomination of Mr. Rich.

Mr. Powell rose in his seat and stated that, as Mr. Rich had been charged with voting for Barney Gibbs, the Populist nominee for Governor at the last general election, he therefore moved that Mr. Rich be allowed to explain the matter to the House so that the truth might be known.

The motion was duly seconded and prevailed. Mr. Rich came forward, and, in a brief talk, complied with the request of the House, admitting the charges were true, and explaining why he voted as he did.

Mr. Stewart then moved that Mr. Decker be allowed to answer the statements of Mr. Rich, which motion was duly seconded and prevailed.

Mr. Decker then occupied the floor for a few minutes.

Mr. Dies moved that Mr. Staples be allowed to ask Mr. Rich some questions in regard to the matter, which motion was duly seconded and prevailed.

Mr. Staples then occupied the floor for a few minutes, Mr. Rich remaining and answering his questions.

The Speaker then directed the ballot to be taken and announced the same tellers to act as in the preceding ballot. The first ballot resulted as follows:

Mr. Weisiger received 95 votes.

Mr. Rich received 86 votes.
Mr. Weller having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Enrolling Clerk of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature. He appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

**ELECTION OF DOOR-KEEPER.**

The Speaker announced nominations in order.

Mr. Savage nominated J. R. Browder of Travis county.

Mr. Teale nominated J. R. Dunlap of DeWitt county.

Mr. Palmer nominated F. M. Knight of Travis county.

Mr. Caldwell seconded the nomination of Mr. Browder.

Mr. Teagle seconded the nomination of Mr. Dunlap.

The Speaker appointed the same tellers to act as in the preceding ballot.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

- Mr. Browder received 6 votes.
- Mr. Dunlap received 90 votes.
- Mr. Knight received 4 votes.
- Scattering 3 votes.

Mr. Dunlap having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Door-keeper of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature. He appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

**ELECTION OF ASSISTANT DOOR-KEEPER.**

The Speaker announced nominations in order.

Mr. Mercer nominated H. F. Plaster of Grimes county.

Mr. Barbee nominated A. W. Mitchell of Madison county.

Mr. Tarkin nominated R. Phares of Colorado county.

Mr. Shannon nominated H. G. Prater of Boll county.

Mr. Caldwell nominated W. W. Thompson of Red River county.

Mr. Childers nominated Thomas J. Ewing of Travis county.

Mr. Browne seconded the nomination of Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Adams seconded the nomination of Mr. Phares.

Mr. Murray seconded the nomination of Mr. Plaster.

Mr. Culp seconded the nomination of Mr. Prater.

Mr. Chambers seconded the nomination of Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Snurr seconded the nomination of Mr. Ewing.

The Speaker appointed the same tellers to take up the ballots, as in the preceding ballot, and Messrs. Kennedy, Snurr and Jones to count the votes.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

- Mr. Plaster received 28 votes.
- Mr. Mitchell received 44 votes.
- Mr. Phares received 4 votes.
- Mr. Prater received 38 votes.
- Mr. Thompson received 15 votes.
- Mr. Ewing received 5 votes.

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

- Mr. Mitchell received 64 votes.
- Mr. Prater received 14 votes.
- Mr. Plaster received 25 votes.
- Mr. Phares received 2 votes.
- Mr. Ewing received 2 votes.
- Mr. Thompson received 8 votes.

Mr. Mitchell having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected Assistant Door-keeper of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature. He then appeared before the Speaker's desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

**ELECTION OF POSTMASTER.**

The Speaker announced that nominations were in order.

Mr. McKamy nominated Mrs. S. M. Franklin of Harris county.

Mr. Wehle nominated Miss Nora Waltersdorff of Travis county.

Mr. McAnally nominated Mr. J. O. Newton of Milam county.

Mr. Maxwell nominated Mrs. Jodie Nobles of Travis county.

Mr. Morrow nominated Miss Lucille Lane of Fayette county.

Mr. Smith of Grayson, nominated Mr. W. M. Cobb of Bastrop county.

Mr. Staples seconded the nomination of Mr. Cobb.

Mr. Thomas of Wise seconded the nomination of Miss Lane.

Mr. Little seconded the nomination of Mr. Newton.

Mr. Pitts seconded the nomination of Mrs. Franklin.

The Speaker appointed the same tellers as in the preceding ballot.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

- Mr. Cobb received 17 votes.
- Mrs. Franklin received 54 votes.
- Miss Lane received 13 votes.
- Mr. Newton received 16 votes.
- Mrs. Nobles received 3 votes.
- Miss Waltersdorff received 19 votes.

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

- Mr. Cobb received 19 votes.
Mrs. Franklin received 62 votes.
Miss Lane received 9 votes.
Mr. Newton received 49 votes.
Mrs. Nobles received 4 votes.
Miss Walters-Burrough received 26 votes.
Mrs. Franklin having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly and constitutionally elected. She then appeared before the Speaker’s desk and took the oath of office prescribed in the Constitution, which was administered by the Chief Clerk.

ELECTION OF CHAPLAIN.

The Speaker announced that nominations were in order.
Mr. Shropshire moved to adjourn until 10 a.m. to-morrow, and Mr. Meitzen, until 9 a.m. to-morrow.
Both motions were lost.
Mr. Masterson nominated Rev. J. W. Morris of Brazoria county.
Mr. Barbee moved to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. to-morrow, and the motion was lost.
Mr. Sutherland nominated Rev. W. J. Gatlin of Rains county.
Mr. Seurry nominated Rev. G. W. Wood of Washington county.
Mr. Caldwell nominated Rev. Jack Atkinson of Williamson county.
Mr. Sansom nominated Rev. D. Pennington of Williamson county.
Mr. Little seconded the nomination of Rev. Mr. Pennington.
Mr. Shelburne seconded the nomination of Rev. Mr. Gatlin.
Mr. Poole seconded the nomination of Rev. Mr. Atkinson.
Mr. Vaughan seconded the nomination of Rev. Mr. Morris.
Same tellers acting as in preceding ballot, the first count resulted as follows:
Rev. Mr. Gatlin received 46 votes.
Rev. Mr. Morris received 42 votes.
Rev. Mr. Pennington received 12 votes.
Rev. Mr. Wood received 12 votes.
There being no election a second ballot was ordered, whereupon, on motion of Mr. Hamilton, the House adjourned until 9:30 o’clock a.m. to-morrow.

THIRD DAY.

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas,
Thursday, Jan. 12, 1899.
The House met at 9:30 o’clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.
Speaker Sherrill in the chair.
Roll called and the following members present:
Adams, Ayers.
Allen of Colorado, Bailey.
Allen of Hopkins, Barbee.
Barrett, McFarland.
Bean, McKanly.
Beaty, McKellar.
Bennett, Meitzen.
Blount, Merrier.
Bolin, Monroe.
Bridgers, Morris.
Browne, Morrow.
Caldwell, Murphy.
Calvin, Murray.
Chambers, Nef.
Childs, Nolan.
Clements, Oliver.
Cocke, Palmer.
Cole, Parish.
Collins, Peevy.
Crawford, Pleiffer.
Culp, Phillips, Lampasas.
Dean, Phillips of Camp.
Decker, Pitts.
Deren, Poole.
Dies, Powell.
Dorroh, Prince.
Ekols, Ratliff.
Ellis, Robertson, Harrison.
Evans of Fannin, Robertson of Bell.
Evans of Grayson, Rochelle.
Frost, Rogers.
Garrett, Russell.
Gill, Sansom.
Goodlett, Savage.
Goodman, Schlutter.
Gordon, Scurry.
Graham, Shannon.
Greenwood, Shelburne.
Griggs, Sherrill.
Grimes, Shoshire.
Hamilton, Smith of Grayson.
Henderson, Smith of Collin.
Henderson, Brazos, Staples.
Henderson, Lamar, Stewart.
Howard, Stripe.
Huxley, Sutherland.
Jones, Tarver.
Kennedy, Tate.
Kittrell, Teague.
Lake, Terrell.
Lane, Thomas of Wise.
Lillard, Thomas of Fannin.
Little, Tompkins.
Liversey, Tucker.
Loyd, Vaughan.
Looney, Walton.
Marsh, Wells.
Masterson, Wholess.
Maxwell, Willey.
McAnally, Willrodt.
McClellan, Wootten.
McDowell, Wright.

A quorum was announced present.
Prayer by Rev. J. W. Morris of Brazoria county.
Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Mr. Savage further reading was dispensed with.