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STATE OF WYOMING.

PROCLAMATION, BILL FOR ADMISSION, REPORTS, AND OTHER PAPERS RELATING TO STATEHOOD.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, The Territory of Wyoming has the population, material resources, public intelligence and morality necessary to ensure a stable local government therein; and

WHEREAS, It has never been deemed a violation of their duties as loyal citizens of the United States, for the people of a Territory to form for themselves a Constitution and State government and to apply to Congress for admission to statehood; and

WHEREAS, On the 27th day of February, 1889, a bill with amendments entitled "A bill to provide for the formation and admission into the Union of the State of Wyoming, and for other purposes," was favorably reported to the Senate of the United States by the committee on Territories; and a bill providing, among other things, for the

admission of the proposed State of Wyoming, having been reported favorably to the House of Representatives by a like committee; and many members of the House and Senate having expressed opinions favorable to such admission; and it thus being made evident that Congress is disposed to admit Wyoming as a State whenever a suitable constitution is adopted and a State government is formed preparatory to admission; and

WHEREAS, By the general expression of the citizens thereof, the Executive is convinced that a very large majority of the people of Wyoming are desirous of forming for themselves a Constitution and State government, and of being admitted into the Union, and of exercising the rights and privileges guaranteed to a free and loyal people under the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of several Counties in the Territory have, by resolution, requested the Governor to call a constitutional convention, and have requested the Governor, Chief Justice and Secretary of the Territory to divide the Territory into delegate districts, to apportion the number of delegates among the several districts, and to do such other acts as may be necessary for the convening of such constitutional convention in the manner and form provided by the terms of the said Senate bill; and

WHEREAS, The Governor, Chief Justice and Secretary of the Territory, on this third day of June, 1889, did convene at the Capitol in the City of Cheyenne, and did apportion the number of delegates among the several

districts so established, upon the basis of the vote cast for Delegate in Congress at the last general election, as follows, to-wit:

1. The County of Laramie shall constitute the First District and shall elect eleven delegates.

2. The County of Albany shall constitute the Second District and shall elect eight delegates.

3. The County of Carbon shall constitute the Third District and shall elect eight delegates.

4. The County of Sweetwater shall constitute the Fourth District and shall elect five delegates.

5. The County of Uinta shall constitute the Fifth District and shall elect six delegates.

6. The County of Fremont shall constitute the Sixth District and shall elect three delegates.

7. The County of Sheridan shall constitute the Seventh District and shall elect three delegates.

8. The County of Johnson shall constitute the Eighth District and shall elect three delegates.

9. The County of Crook shall constitute the Ninth District and shall elect four delegates.

10. The County of Converse shall constitute the Tenth District and shall elect four delegates.

Now Therefore, recognizing the superior and material advantages of a State government over our Territorial system, and being desirous of carrying into effect the will of the people, I, Francis E. Warren, Governor of the Territory of Wyoming, do issue this, my proclama-

tion to the people of the Territory, recommending that they take such action on their part as may be necessary to secure the admission of Wyoming into the Union of States; and for this purpose I direct that an election be held throughout the Territory, on the second Monday of July, 1889, for the election of delegates to a constitutional convention to convene at Cheyenne, the capital of the Territory, at twelve o'clock noon of the first Monday of September, 1889, for the purpose of framing a constitution for the State of Wyoming, and for the purpose of submitting such constitution to the people thereof, for their ratification or rejection.

I suggest that, in organizing a State government preparatory to admission, the provisions of the aforesaid Senate bill should be followed, as nearly as may be possible; and in pursuance thereof the following recommendations are hereby made:

First. The number of delegates to such constitutional convention shall be fifty-five, apportioned among the several districts as hereinbefore set forth.

Second. The delegates apportioned to each district shall be elected exclusively in that district.

Third. Persons who are qualified by the laws of the Territory to vote for representatives to the legislative assembly thereof are hereby authorized to vote for and choose delegates to such constitutional convention.

Fourth. The qualifications for delegates to such constitutional convention shall be such as, by the laws of

the Territory, persons are required to possess to be eligible to the legislative assembly thereof.

Fifth. Such election shall be conducted, the returns made, the result ascertained, and the certificates to persons elected to such convention issued, in the same manner as is prescribed by the laws of the Territory regulating elections therein for Delegate to Congress.

Sixth. Since the advantages to be obtained by statehood will depend somewhat upon the judicious action of the constitutional convention, it is desirable that the delegates should be representative men, of character and ability, whose work will be satisfactory to Congress and beneficial to the people of the proposed State of Wyoming. The character and fitness of the delegates to be chosen is in fact of greater importance than the manner of their selection, and if the citizens of any County generally prefer to elect their delegates by some equitable method other than that hereinbefore prescribed, it is believed that the delegates so chosen will be recognized and admitted to seats in the convention.

Seventh. The constitution formed by such convention shall be submitted to the people of the Territory for ratification or rejection, on the first Tuesday in November, 1889.

Eighth. The convention should fix the per diem and mileage of its members and employes, andcertificates of service and expenditure should be made by the officers of the convention and filed with the Secretary of the Territory, as Congress will, without doubt, follow its own precedents in providing for the payment thereof.