

Transcription

National Workingmen's Convention

WORKING MEN'S CONVENTION.— On the 22d, a National Workingmen's Convention assembled in Philadelphia. Delegates were present from the States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Tennessee and Ohio.

A permanent organization was effected by electing the following officers: President, S. W. Cloyd, of Pa., Vice Presidents, A. N. MacPherson, Pa., and John Pritchard, Va.; Secretaries, James Touchstone, Md., and S. C. Wood, Delaware.

On Saturday morning a resolution was offered by Mr. Wolf, of Kentucky, that a committee should be appointed to prepare a platform, or a code of principles, for the organization of the workingmen throughout the country.

The motion excited a long debate, during which a variety of views were expressed.— Some of the speakers were in favor of any organization which would advance the interests of the workingmen, but they were unwilling to join in the formation of a new political party, as the resolution seemed to look to that course.

Other speakers were in favor of creating a political party, and of compelling men in authority to obey the will of workingmen.

Mr. Lowry, of Philadelphia, announced himself as the representative of 52,000 workingmen. He further said that these 52,000 men would be satisfied with nothing but the Crittenden compromise as a settlement of our national difficulties.

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