J. J. Moore thought that some power should be established, to which
appeal can be made when wrong is done to a correspondent, in the matter of
disposing of his communication; an editor may be in the wrong, and he should
be held responsible, when complained of to some authority.
J. H. Townsend:—"I am surprised that Mr. Moore should express such
views. It was proposing to hedge in an editor to an extent that no man, with
ability and independence necessary to the efficient conducting of a paper,
would willingly be confined. The power to decide upon articles is commonly
exercised by editors. Take the San Francisco 'Evening Bulletin,' and the
course of the lamented James King of Wm. for example: while he lived, one of
the most independent men in the State; his press one of the most liberal,
opened freely for communications upon all subjects of interests to the people.
Did he admit all the articles he received? Unquestionably not! It is a mis-
take to suppose because a man is of good character, therefore can write a
communication fit to be printed. In the multitude of letters and communica-
tions an editor is continually receiving, he has seldom time to alter and
correct that which may be full of faults; he is compelled to decide, 'print
or not;' often in haste, and in so doing may, without design, give offence;
experience is to be trusted, and, in general, the fitness of articles may be
ascertained before they are sent to be published."
J. M. Flowers moved to lay Mr. Dettter's resolution on the table—motion
carried.
Mr. Richard Hall moved that so much of 3d Rule as relates to the hour
of adjourning the Afternoon Session be suspended, and that the Afternoon
Session of this day be extended to such a time as delegates shall deem it
proper to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Newby, and adopted unanimously.
F. G. Barbadoes asked permission to read a series of resolutions, which
had been drawn up and placed in his hands by Mr. Thomas Duff, of Mariposa
—granted. Mr. Barbadoes read.
Resolved, That the Delegates be instructed by this Convention, to call
meetings of the colored people of their respective counties, to consider upon
the best ways of raising funds for the support of the Mirror of the Times.
Resolved, That we heartily endorse the manly stand taken by the Mirror
of the Times in behalf of our injured and much abused people; and we will do
all in our power to make it worthy of the people it represents.
Resolved, That we approve of the manner in which the Mirror has been con-
ducted by its original proprietors: that they have proved themselves capable
of making it an honor to the colored people of the State of California.
Resolved, That we recommend as an effective way to raise funds for the
paper, that each delegate call meetings in their respective counties, and form
clubs to make donations of such sums as may be agreed upon by those composing
the clubs.
Resolved, That the sums donated by the clubs to the Mirror, be forwarded
to the Executive Committee monthly, at such times as their members shall
decide upon.
Resolved, That we look upon the Mirror of the Times as a beacon light,
shining brightly and clearly on the path by which we are to reach that posi-
tion, that as a free and intelligent people, we should occupy in common with
our white fellow-citizens; showing beyond a doubt, that we possess talent,
industry and enterprise in our ranks; and that all we want is, the equal en-
joyment of those civil and political rights, and privileges that are possessed
by the whites, and we will stand second to no class of people in the American
Union.
The series of resolutions of Mr. Duff, were, on the motion of Mr.
Ferguson, adopted unanimously.
Mr. George W. Booth asked if the Business Committee was ready to report
on the resolution of Mr. Hatfield, touching the distribution of the proceed-
ings of the Convention, which was, at the Wednesday afternoon session, re-
ferred to the Business Committee?—Committee not ready.
Mr. Booth proposed a motion, that the pamphlets of proceedings, when
published, be distributed among the delegates—each one to be entitled to an
equal share.
Mr. Newby seconded the motion; and the vote being taken thereon, it was
lost.
Adjoined to 4 o'clock, P.M.