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Committees Appointed on the Eight-Hour System, Trades-Unions, Strikes, a National Organ, a Permanent Organization, Convict Labor, Public Lands, Public Debts, &c.

BALTIMORE, Tuesday, Aug. 21.

The Labor Congress met again to-day. The Committee on Permanent Organization, through its Chairman, A. C. CAMERON, reported the following officers, which were accepted and confirmed:

President-J. WINCKCLIFFE, of Idinois.

Vice President at Large-J. C. C. WHALEY, District of Columbia.

Vice Presidents—WM. OATHERS, Maryland: RICHARD EMMONS, District of Columbia; John Reed, New-York; C. W. Phelps, Connecticut; W. B. Iles, Georgia; R. L. Masten, Delaward; W. H. Lee, Virginia; A. H. Troupe, Massachusetts; A. C. Cameron; Illinois; Thomas M. Dollan, Michigan; A. Sohroeder, Maryland; Marshal Roberts, Pennsylvania; J. J. Alford, Maine; J. P. Meeter, Iowa; J. D. Ware, Pennsylvania.

Secretaries—C. W. Gibson, Connecticut; J. B. Overton, Maryland.

Mr. Henckeleffe returned his thanks for the

honor conferred in a few appropriate remarks.

Upon motion of Air. Whalley a resolution was adopted constituting a Committee of one from each State represented in the Convention, to propose resolutions for the action of the Congress.

Mr. Handing, of New-York, moved the appointment of a Committee upon the subject of eight hours, to consist of one from each State: also, a Committee of five on Trades' Unions; also, a Committee of five on cooperation; of a Committee of five on strikes; of a Committee of five on political action; of a Committee of five on a National organ of labor; of a Committee of five on a permanent National organization.

An amendment was adopted to constitute a further Committee of five on convict labor in the State Penitentiary.

The several features of the preceding resolution creates great discussion, the debate being conducted with much excitement and occasional racy personalities.

Mr. REED, District of Columbia, considered that the specified subjects of the previous Committee could be readily renewed and debated by the Committee on Resolutions.

From J. J. Michihill, Stone-cutters' Association, District of Columbia, a resolution was received and read declaring all exertions for securing eight hours a day at the present time unwise and unprofitable until a thorough organization of the workingmen of the country has been effected.

Mr. CLARK, District of Columbia, moved a resolution that the delegation from the District of Columbia be constituted a Committee to wait on the President of the United States, to seek his approval of their course, and obtain in his noxt annual message a recommendation to Congress to fix eight hours as a day's work for all mechanics in the employ of the Government. It was referred.

Mr. Whalley, Virginia, presented a resolution of the Virginia Eight Hour League, urging upon the National Labor Congress action upon the subject of eight hours, all action concerning political aspects and consequences of that subject; also, the appointment of a Committee of five on trades union strikes and all kindred topics; a Committee of five on corporation and prison labor; a Committee of five for the preparation of an address to the workingmen of the country; a Committe of one from each Seate on permanent national organization, and a Committee of five on public lands and public debt.