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A quorum being present, the Secretary of State announced as the next business in order, the election of a Speaker.

Nominations being in order,

Mr. Crump of Bezar nominated Mr. Tarrant.

" Scott " " Keenan.

There being no other nomination, the House proceeded to ballot. The Secretary of State appointed as tellers, Messrs. Bryan, Bogart and Fields.

The votes having been counted out, it appeared that Mr. Keenan had received 27 votes.

" Tarrant " " 16 "

Mr. Keenan having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Speaker of the House of Representatives of the third session of the State Legislature.

The Secretary of State appointed Messrs. Bee and Clough a committee to wait upon the Speaker elect, and conduct him to the chair.

The Speaker having been conducted to the chair, rose and returned his thanks to the House for the honor conferred upon him in the following words :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I feel truly grateful for the kindness and partiality you have manifested in selecting me to preside over your deliberations, during the present session of the State Legislature.

The honor was unsought by me, and, knowing the responsibility that will necessarily rest upon the presiding officer, and the embarrassments that so often arise in the discharge of the duties of the office, I would hesitate to accept it, but for the belief that I can be permitted to draw liberally upon your indulgence and receive your aid at all times and under all circumstances. I am satisfied of this from my intimate acquaintance with so many of the members now present. Since the organization of our State Government, it has been my pleasure to occupy a seat upon the floor of this House and to participate with many of you in all the active duties of legislation. I have witnessed the harmony that has prevailed in all your proceedings, and have seen, with pleasure, the great desire exhibited to promote, by all your official acts, the interests of the State and the general good of your constituents.

I thank you again, gentlemen, for the honor you have conferred upon me.