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husband and four children — and her influence is a power for good in the community. No sorrowing or suffering home is without her encouraging word and her ministering hand.” (Chicago *Defender*, Apr. 18, 1936, clipping in James B. Washington Folder, President’s Office Vault, ViHaI.) James B. Washington did not prosper in West Virginia, and despite his education could earn only a No. 2 teaching certificate. That may have been a result of racial discrimination, since in some areas of the South black teachers had difficulty getting the higher pay scale that went with a No. 1 certificate. In January 1890 he moved to Tuskegee, where he taught and coached the baseball team. When football became popular he learned that sport and served as coach of the school’s squad. He was also clerk of the campus post-office substation, which through his efforts was raised to a third-class and later a second-class post office. One observer suggested in 1936 that he was probably the only black postmaster serving at the second-class level. (*Ibid.*)

<sup>7</sup> Male, not female as reported.

## The Minutes of a Republican Rally at Tinkersville

[Tinkersville, W.Va.] July 13, 1872

On motion, H. C. Rice<sup>1</sup> was called to the Chair, and Booker T. Washington was chosen Secretary.

On motion, the following committee was appointed on Resolutions: Musie C. Strother,<sup>2</sup> Frank Randolph,<sup>3</sup> Isaac McKinney,<sup>4</sup> John Teal and Campbell Woodyard.

The committee, after a brief retirement made the following report:

*Resolved*, 1. That we will stand by and support the principles enunciated by the Republican party.<sup>5</sup>

2. That we will not countenance or support any man who is in any way hostile to the colored people.

3. That we will not support any candidate who comes out in opposition to the regular nominees of the Republican National, State, and County Convention.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

After addresses by C. A. Brockmeyer, Wm. Davis, Wm. Wilson,<sup>6</sup> Thos. Swinburn<sup>7</sup> and G. W. Atkinson,<sup>8</sup>

On motion, adjourned.

H. C. Rice, Ch’n.  
Booker T. Washington, Sec’y.