

constitution that ought not to be in there, or leave something out that ought to be put in. I am as anxious to get our business done, so that it is done properly, and go home, as any member can be. But I see no necessity for this crowding matters through in such a way that we common folks cannot understand what is being done. As we have already spent so much time here over this business, I think we better stay here two or three days longer, and do it carefully so that we can all understand it. I see no reason for crowding this thing through, so as to adjourn to-morrow night. Let us do things decently and in order. If we cannot find anything to do now, let us adjourn over until Monday, and give the committee on revision time to do their work. And then on Monday, or Tuesday, when they bring in their work, let us take it up and go through with it carefully, decently and in good order.

Mr. DANIEL. We have plenty to do yet.

Mr. ECKER. I see no necessity at all for crowding matters in this way. I am astonished that members who have stayed away from the convention and retarded its business, should now be so very fierce to crowd everything through at once. If they had remained here and attended to the work of the convention, we could have got through by the fourth of July. I do not refer to the minority of the convention, because we do not expect anything of them.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I have no responsibility for the work done here; God forbid that I should have. But I was here at the close of the last convention, and I have no desire to see such another exhibition; of a piece of paper purporting to be, but not in fact, the constitution, and signed by the president and the secretary, and then be obliged to appoint a committee to examine after we went away and see what the constitution really was. There was altogether such a scene of confusion that, to say the least of it, was certainly not at all respectable.

I have as much desire to get away from here, and go home, as any member can have. I think I have been here about as regularly as any member has. I thought the doings of this convention required watching about as much as anything could. I have tried, by staying here, to avert as much mischief as I could. I have suffered as much pecuniary loss in this matter as anybody has. But I do not desire to hurry matters through unreasonably. Let the articles which have been acted upon here be carefully revised; let your clerks arrange them and put them in proper order. And then when they have done that, let us know what the constitution is. I have already mentioned in this convention one item which was left out of the last constitution. And just as sure as we leave here, in the hurry the last convention left in, there may be half a dozen important matters left

out of this one. Not that I would object to leaving out a great deal of it, if I had the power. But although I am one of the minority, differing very greatly with the majority in regard to political sentiments, I certainly desire as much as anybody else to see everything that is done, done properly, done decently and in good order, as the gentleman from Carroll (Mr. Ecker) says.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. Before the vote is taken on the motion of the gentleman from Washington county (Mr. Dellinger,) I wish the convention would revert to the position in which the work of this convention now stands. We have passed through their second and third readings all the reports made to the convention but two. There is the very short report of the committee on usury, and the very long report—no; that is not a report at all, but the long judiciary article; the report of the committee on the judiciary was abolished long ago. It is important that those two matters should be acted upon, before we adjourn, in accordance with the proposition of the gentleman from Washington. Otherwise, when we come here on Monday, we would have to take up those reports, act upon them, go through their third reading, and pass them over to the committee on revision, who would have to take at least a day to dispose of them. I trust there will be no adjournment over until we have gone through the third reading of those reports. Then if it is necessary to adjourn over, in order to enable the committee on revision and the clerks to bring up their work, I will not object.

Mr. DELLINGER. I will withdraw the motion to adjourn until Monday, and renew the motion to take a recess.

The question being taken, the motion was agreed to;

And the convention accordingly took a recess until half past three o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention met at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldborough, President; Abbott, Audoun, Baker, Belt, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Duval, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Marksy, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Todd, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—62.

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The convention resumed the consideration