

be back on Monday or Tuesday morning. This house will find itself in the condition of staying here a whole day with no quorum to do business, sending despatches and writing to members asking them for God's sake to come down that the convention may do its work. We passed an order to adjourn on the 31st of August. That time is already now passed two days. Going over to Monday morning, that will be the 5th of September; and the convention will not adjourn until Tuesday morning, the 6th; and possibly it will then be without a quorum, and the end of next week may find the convention still in session.

The committee on revision sits throughout the whole session of this house. Admitting that the judiciary report would take them half a day, that will take more time than all the rest of the work they have to do. There is not the slightest objection to their calling in extra aid. If they request of this house that their committee be enlarged to twice its numbers, I have no doubt that request would be acceded to. We have provided in our schedule that after the adoption of this constitution by the convention the governor shall have five days before he shall be required to issue his proclamation; and if we remain here five days more, we shall hardly have the customary twenty days notice before the election of State officers; and we desire, in addition, as much time as we can possibly have for the dissemination of the printed copies of the constitution throughout the State, and in the army, that the soldiers and the people at home may knowingly vote upon its provisions. Every day of time that we allow ourselves here, is diminishing our time for the accomplishment of these objects just one day. We propose to lose the whole of to-morrow. In reference to the engrossment of the reports, I have been informed that the clerks of this house have been and are now engaged in engrossing as many of the reports as the committee on revision have acted upon; and, in all probability, if the committee on revision should conclude its labor to-night, by the expenditure of a small sum for additional clerical force, the whole constitution could be presented to this body to-morrow morning. Or, admitting that the committee on revision do not get through, or we do not get through acting upon their reports, all their reports which may have been acted upon will be engrossed by the clerks; and during the morning, as fast as they are passed upon, they will be engrossed by the clerks; and at the afternoon session to-morrow, or at the furthest by the night session, we can act upon the whole constitution, engrossed by the clerks. And when we adjourn to-morrow, we may adjourn having finished our work.

But if we break the continuity of exertion, by which the convention has for the last week kept up three sessions a day, and if the mem-

bers go to their respective homes, they will find claiming their attention so many private interests, that it is very doubtful whether they will be able to return from Washington and other distant counties in season to proceed on Monday or Tuesday. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. Negley) asks what does it matter, after a session of four months, if we take a week or two weeks. I have no personal objection to adjourning. I should much desire it for my own sake. But I think it is for the interest of the constitution to allow as much time as possible after its passage; and for that reason I think the convention should finish its work before it adjourns.

I have presented my views as they have suggested themselves to me; and if they have made the impression upon our friends that the work can be completed by extra exertion by to-morrow night, I hope they will vote against the adjournment. I would rather sit here the whole of the night than go away and have to come back again to finish our work.

Mr. PUGH. I am satisfied that the members of the convention have made up their minds with regard to the matter that it is only the question whether the committee on revision will be prepared to furnish the convention with work to-morrow, or whether we shall stay here all day to-morrow and make speeches. I am well satisfied that the committee cannot get through to-night.

Mr. CUSHING. Not if the committee is enlarged to three times its present number?

Mr. PUGH. That is not the proposition before the house. I have been informed by the chairman of the committee on revision that they cannot get through to night unless they work all night. They worked a large portion of last night, and have worked all day, and are at work to-night. For one, I am not disposed, if the committee cannot furnish us work to do, to stay here to-morrow and listen to speeches.

Mr. KING (a member of the committee) said: I am pretty certain that we will not be able to get through our work to-morrow. We have worked all day yesterday and today, and, as we are going on, to do it correctly, if the house want it brought in as it ought to be, it will be impossible for us to finish it to-morrow.

Mr. NEGLEY. To show the necessity for care in this, I will state that I have been informed that it has been discovered that no provision has been made for contested elections in the judiciary. This shows the necessity for care and deliberation on the part of the committee on revision. We know further that a whole new section has been referred to that committee in regard to the judiciary report. I hope the convention will not hurry through things at the last moment.