

year especially, as work is crowded upon them by the scarcity of labor, they will pay but little attention to your political meetings. But they get their county paper every week, and at night they sit down and read it. It is a habit with that kind of people in our country, and in every county in this State and in every State; they regard it as a sort of duty and privilege to read their county newspapers. They will absolutely wade through things there that might as well not be read. And from that very habit, they will read the constitution if printed in their paper, when they would not, if sent to them in the form of an "extra."

I am not anxious either one way or the other. My only object is to get this constitution before the people, as thoroughly and completely as we can. If it takes a few hundred or a few thousand dollars more, be it so. If gentlemen think we better hold on to this fifty thousand copies in English, and ten thousand in German, let that be done. But there ought to be some provision made for the publication of this constitution in the county newspapers. The editors of those papers take a deep interest in this movement. And I think it is no more than right that they should have this opportunity of spreading this matter before the people, and that they should be remunerated properly for it, when the public good is to be benefited by it. You will necessarily enlist them in behalf of the constitution. And in counties where there are opposition papers, it infinitely better be published in those papers, and go out with all the animadversions of the editors. Let the document itself go before the people, so that they can correct the misrepresentations of its opponents. I shall therefore move an amendment that it be published in the papers.

The question was upon the motion of Mr. NEGLEY, to decrease the number of copies of the constitution to be published from fifty thousand to twenty thousand in the English language, and from ten thousand to five thousand in the German.

The question being taken, the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. NEGLEY. I move to amend the order by adding the following:

"And that the committee on publishing be directed to have the constitution published in one or more newspapers in each county and the city of Baltimore, once a week for three successive weeks before the day of its ratification or rejection."

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington. I would ask my colleague (Mr. Negley) to add the following to his amendment:

"Provided, it can be done at a cost of not more than \$75 to each paper in which it is published."

Mr. NEGLEY. I accept the amendment.

Mr. PUGH. Is it possible to get this con-

stitution published for that sum? If not it might lead to trouble to adopt this proposition.

Mr. NEGLEY. My colleague (Mr. Sneary,) who is a practical printer, says that it can be done for that.

Mr. DAVIS, of Washington. I think our papers will publish it for that sum.

The time for the special order having arrived,

Mr. NEGLEY moved to postpone the special order until the pending subject was disposed of.

Mr. ABBOTT moved a call of the house, which was ordered.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Baker, Barron, Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Brown, Carter, Cunningham, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Charles, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hodson, Hoffman, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Maybugh, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Russell, Schlosser, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thomas, Valliant, Wickard, Wilmer, Wooden—58.

On motion of Mr. PUGH,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The question was then taken upon the motion of Mr. NEGLEY, to postpone the special order, until the pending subject was disposed of—and the motion was agreed to.

The question was then taken upon the amendment of Mr. NEGLEY, providing for the publication of the constitution in the newspapers, and it was adopted.

The order as amended was adopted.

THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. EARLE said: On behalf of the committee on revision, I now present to this convention for its final action, a revised copy of the constitution of Maryland. After careful examination we are prepared to report, that this constitution as revised and engrossed, corresponds in all respects with the different articles and sections heretofore adopted in detail by the convention. I therefore move that this constitution, in its present form, as one entire instrument, be now read and adopted.

The entire constitution was then read through. [See close of volume 2, of debates.]

Mr. HEBB moved a call of the house, which was ordered.

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

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Barron, Belt, Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Brooks, Brown,