

it would yield a revenue of a million or more annually. It was the greatest work in America, and under proper management it would make the wilderness blossom like the rose. The people wanted this done, and there was no man in Western Maryland who was opposed to it, unless some cross road politician. When before the Legislature, the delegates from the counties of Washington and Allegany have been in favor of it.

The committee then rose and reported progress.

The President resumed the chair, and the Convention, at 2 P. M., adjourned.

SEVENTY-FIRST DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, TUESDAY, AUGUST 13.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Father Burke.

Mr. Dent submitted the following:

Ordered, That the President appoint a committee of five to report to this Convention some suitable expression on the political condition of the country.

Mr. McKaig said: Mr. President, when we have nothing to say, we may speak it out boldly; when, as now, we have so much to say, we had better say nothing.

Mr. Maulsby thought it was better to postpone any action on the order at present.

Mr. Wethered said it was eminently proper that a caucus of this Convention should be held and some suitable address prepared and laid before the people. The democracy throughout the whole country were looking at this Convention.

Mr. Ringgold hoped no such order would pass. The people were very anxious that this body should finish its work immediately. He hoped no resolutions or address would be brought in here which would lead to interminable debate.

Mr. Nelson agreed with the gentleman from St. Mary's, (Mr. Dent,) that some address should be issued to the people marking out a distinct line of action. The people of his section expected it, but he thought the address