

*Nays*—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Cunningham, Cushing, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Thruston, Wickard, Wooden—27.

The amendment of Mr. DENT was accordingly adopted.

Mr. DANIEL, when his name was called, said: I did not wish, if I could help it, to vote for either of the propositions submitted, because I would like to amend by inserting "ten minutes," which I think is long enough. But that amendment being cut off, I prefer twenty minutes to five, and therefore I vote "aye."

The question then recurred upon the amendment of Mr. DANIEL, to extend the time of any member by a two-thirds instead of a unanimous vote.

Upon this question Mr. WOODEN called for the yeas and nays, which were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 35, nays 32—as follows:

*Yeas*—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Belt, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brown, Chambers, Cunningham, Daniel, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Edelen, Gale, Hodson, Hoffman, Holyday, Horsey, Johnson, Larsh, Lee, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Parran, Ridgely, Sneary, Thomas, Turner—35.

*Nays*—Messrs. Carter, Cushing, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, McComas, Mullikin, Murray, Nyman, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Schley, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Sykes, Thruston, Vaillaut, Wickard, Wooden—32.

The amendment was accordingly adopted.

The order as amended was then adopted, as follows:

"*Ordered*, That the time allowed each member for debate on any question before the convention be limited to twenty minutes; and that no extension of time be granted except by a vote of two-thirds of the members present."

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Mr. HOPKINS gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendment to the report of the committee on the legislative department:

"The legislature shall foster and encourage moral, intellectual, scientific and agricultural improvement; they shall, when it may be practicable, make suitable provision for the blind, mute and insane, and for the organization of such institutions of learning as the best interests of the State may demand."

Mr. AUDOUN submitted the following order:

"*Ordered*, That the president appoint an

assistant secretary to serve during the absence of Mr. Shaw, and that the secretary be allowed extra per diem for such time as he has been acting as assistant secretary."

Mr. DANIEL. Does this order mean to exclude Mr. Shaw from his per diem?

Mr. AUDOUN. Certainly not. The secretary is now acting as secretary and assistant secretary both, and he should receive additional compensation.

Mr. SCHLEY. I would move to amend the order by proposing to call one of the committee clerks to act as assistant secretary.

The PRESIDENT. The president has power to do that already. He has already called one of them on a former occasion to act as assistant secretary. If the convention desire it he will call another now.

Mr. SCHLEY. I will not offer any amendment.

The question was then taken upon the order submitted by Mr. AUDOUN, and it was adopted.

The PRESIDENT, in pursuance of that order, appointed Mr. John McGarigle to act as assistant secretary, *pro tem*.

Mr. WICKARD submitted the following order:

"*Ordered*, That the assistant secretary be allowed extra pay for the time that he acted as secretary, in the absence of the secretary."

The PRESIDENT. Under a previous order the president had power to appoint an assistant secretary.

Mr. HEBB. The proposition is that Mr. Shaw, the assistant secretary, be allowed extra pay for the time he acted when Mr. Cole, the secretary, was absent. We have just passed an order allowing Mr. Cole extra pay for the time he acted in a double capacity, in the absence of Mr. Shaw.

The question was then taken upon the order, and it was adopted.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I ask permission to be absent from the convention until Friday morning. Nothing but imperious necessity would induce me to ask that permission at this time. The circumstances, I believe, are already known to the convention.

The leave of absence was accordingly granted.

#### JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

The convention then resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary department, which was on its second reading.

Mr. RIDGELY. With the consent of the house, I will take a moment to make a personal explanation. On page 513 of the journal of proceedings, will be found an order which I submitted last evening, and which, if unexplained, might subject me to the imputation of showing very great discourtesy