

Mr. HEBB. Is it in order to move that the polls be closed?

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Purnell) then announced that the amendment of Mr. LEE had been rejected by—yeas 25, nays 38—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Audoun, Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Dail, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Hatch, Hollyday, Jones, of Cecil, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Miller, Morgan, Murray, Parran, Ridgely, Swope, Turner, Wickard—25.

Nays—Messrs. Annan, Baker, Belt, Brown, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Ecker, Farrow, Greene, Harwood, Hebb, Hoffman, Horsey, Jones, of Somerset, Keefer, Kennard, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Mullikin, Negley, Nyman, Parker, Purnell, Russell, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Thomas, Todd, Valiant, Wooden—38.

The question then recurred upon the original order offered by Mr. RIDGELY, as follows:

“*Ordered*, That the president of this convention be allowed a per diem of six dollars, and that the committee on accounts audit his account accordingly.”

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

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 20, nays 44—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Brown, Cunningham, Cushing, Dellinger, Dent, Farrow, Greene, Harwood, Hollyday, Jones, of Somerset, Lansdale, Morgan, Murray, Negley, Parker, Purnell, Ridgely, Schley, Thomas, Valiant—20.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Belt, Berry, of Baltimore county, Bond, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Dail, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Duvall, Ecker, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Markey, Mayhugh, Mitchell, Miller, Mullikin, Nyman, Parran, Russell, Schlosser, Scott, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Swope, Todd, Turner, Wickard, Wooden—44.

The order was accordingly rejected.

Mr. CUSHING, when his name was called, said: I have great pleasure in voting in the affirmative for this order, as it is for an officer of the convention, who has well performed his duties. I hope this vote will be conclusive, and that gentlemen will not detain the house with long speeches in favor of this proposition and then vote against it.

Mr. STIRLING, when his name was called, said: I shall be governed in my vote on this proposition by precisely the same considerations which governed my vote on the other. I do not doubt the power of the convention to do this thing. Yet, not because I am afraid to assume personally the responsibility of voting for it, but because I do not think it can have any bad effect not to give it, and as I think the action of this convention is likely

more or less to influence the fate of our work, I shall vote to have our work as cheap as we can. I therefore vote “no.”

THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I am about to perform a duty which I trust will be accepted as one due from every member of this body. I believe that so far as I can speak the sentiments of those with whom I have the most personal intercourse, it does speak the general sentiments of them all, expressing the entire satisfaction which the conduct of the presiding officer of this body has given to those members. Believing it to be the unanimous opinion of this house, I shall ask to have the resolution which I am about to read adopted, and shall ask the secretary to enter it on the journal as the unanimous opinion of this house. I offer the following resolution:

“*Resolved*, That the thanks of the convention are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon. Henry H. Goldsborough, the presiding officer of the convention, for his dignified, efficient and impartial discharge of the duties of the chair.”

These motions are very often made as matters of form. I desire to have it distinctly understood that so far as I am concerned, and so far as I know the sentiments of this house, this is offered from a deliberate judgment that this tribute has been fairly and honorably won by our presiding officer.

Mr. JONES, of Somerset. I take great pleasure in indorsing every word which the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers) has said, in reference to the dignity, ability and impartiality of our presiding officer.

Mr. DENT. I desire to say that I support this proposition most cordially. So far as I have been able to judge, I can bear testimony to the great promptness, strict impartiality, and general efficiency of the presiding officer of this house. And it gives me much pleasure to bear this testimony in his favor.

Mr. MILLER. I wish to add my testimony to that which has been so well given by the gentleman from Somerset (Mr. Jones,) the gentleman from St. Mary's (Mr. Dent) and the gentleman from Kent (Mr. Chambers.) As one of the minority, I can say that the president has discharged his duties with the utmost impartiality.

Mr. BOND. I also take pleasure in indorsing the sentiments of this resolution.

On motion of Mr. CHAMBERS,

The rules were suspended, the resolution read the second time, and unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. BROWN,

The convention took a recess until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 8 o'clock, P. M.