

ties imposed upon us, that each member should have a full opportunity to know what has been said on all sides of questions presented for our consideration. I hope, therefore, that this order will be adopted; and that means will be taken to have these printed reports laid before us more speedily than has been the case heretofore.

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

Subsequently the PRESIDENT stated to the Convention that he had been informed by the printer of the debates that the principal cause of delay in the delivery of the printed sheets of debates, was the fact that members had not been prompt in furnishing the revising clerk, (Mr. McGarigle,) with such corrections as they desired to have incorporated in the permanent edition; and the President informed members that he should consider it their duty to pass over to the revising clerk, on the morning after the sheets of debates had been laid upon their desks, such corrections as they desired to have made; and that he should instruct the revising clerk to wait no longer than the second day for any corrections.

ADJOURNMENT OVER.

Mr. HOFFMAN submitted the following:

*Ordered*, That if this Convention is resolved to adjourn for some days, we adjourn this afternoon.

The PRESIDENT. The Chair would suggest to the gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr. Hoffman,) that his proposition is hardly definite enough for the Convention to act upon.

Mr. HOFFMAN. It is generally understood that there will be an adjournment over some two or three days of next week. If that is the case, it seems to me that we should adjourn from to-day, because if the adjournment be delayed until to-morrow afternoon, it will be impossible for those of us who reside in the country, to reach our homes in time to spend Sunday there.

The PRESIDENT. If there be no objection, the Chair will regard this order as an order that when this Convention adjourns to-day, it be to meet at some future day not named; as otherwise, the proposition might be one for the Convention to adjourn to-day until the year 1890, or some other remote period, the Chair will consider that the first question before the Convention is the filling the blank, for which motions are now in order.

Mr. RIDGELY. I move that the blank be filled with the words "Monday, June 13;" so that it will be, that when this Convention adjourns to-day it be to meet on Monday, June 13.

Mr. HOFFMAN. I hope that will not prevail; it is too long a time. I have no idea that we ought to adjourn for so long a time.

Mr. RIDGELY. I believe it is generally understood, all around this Convention, that there shall be a recess of some days, in view

of great and important events about to transpire, connected with the meeting of the National and State Conventions in regard to the nominations for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States. I confess, however, that I am not so much influenced by this consideration as I am by another which more immediately affects our personal interest and advantage as members of this Convention. Our Register of Debates is a long way in arrears, and as I have before remarked, I consider it important that that Register should be kept up within at least two or three days of the business of the Convention. In order, therefore, to enable the printer to get a fair start with the debates and proceedings of this body, I propose that we shall adjourn from to-day until Monday week. I think that will much promote the convenience and interests of the Convention.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's. I hope that the motion of the gentleman from Baltimore county (Mr. Ridgely) will prevail, and that we shall adjourn this afternoon—for it is very important that those of us who live at some distance should have an opportunity to return to our homes this week. If we are detained here until to-morrow afternoon, many of us cannot get home until next week. I hope, therefore, for this reason, and for the reasons assigned by the gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr. Ridgely), his motion will be adopted.

Mr. NEGLEY. I must say that I hope this motion will not prevail. We have been here now about five weeks, and have as yet accomplished absolutely nothing. Now the sole ground, or the principal ground which has been assigned for this adjournment at this time, is the assembling of the National Nominating Convention in Baltimore city next week. Now that Convention does not meet until Wednesday of next week; it will take them a day or two to organize, and it will be Thursday or Friday before they get under way. They will probably not get through with their work before week after next. Thus we will lose a week now, and then when we meet again, there will be a proposition to adjourn over another week.

Mr. RIDGELY. If the gentleman will allow me, I will state that he is in error in respect to the time of meeting of the National Convention. That Convention meets on Tuesday, not Wednesday, of next week. It is the State Convention, I understand, that meets on Wednesday.

Mr. NEGLEY. That is a difference of one day only. It will take that Convention a day or two to organize. And all the objects of an adjournment can be attained just as well by our continuing to meet here until next Wednesday, and then adjourning over the balance of the week, as it would to adjourn from to-day; and we would not be losing an entire week, and one day besides. There