

tee will report. If we adjourn to-day to meet on Tuesday next, members can have a day or two at home, and most of us have pressing business at home. I voted against the motion yesterday. We have gained one day by waiting; but we might nearly as well have gone then, for anything that we have done or are likely to do.

Mr. KING. If we do adjourn, let us have a day at home, and not be all the time upon the road.

Mr. McCOMAS offered an order, regulating the attendance of members, as an amendment which the President voted not to be germane to the subject, and therefore out of order.

Mr. STIRLING. It is very true, as the gentleman from Cecil says, that we have made very little progress. The only way to make progress is to stay here and not adjourn. When a body of this size gets together, it is impossible for it to do anything definite at once. We have all got to get acquainted, to get settled, to talk among ourselves, before we get to a definite point. The more we stay here and stay together, the sooner we shall get to that point. Every day we adjourn, we lose so much time, and must take a fresh start to come to the point again. If the Convention stays here, the committees will proceed much more rapidly in their work, and will bring something before the Convention. But if we keep on adjourning we shall want just as much time when we come back for the committees to act, as before we adjourned. It think it is perfectly proper for us to adjourn over Saturday. I think one day out of the week may fairly be given to the members to go home. Beyond that I certainly do not think we ought to go. If we adjourn to-day, and adjourn over Monday, we lose two days. I think that will absolutely prevent any of the committees from reporting on Tuesday; and I verily believe, if we stay here on Monday, we can have a report from some of the committees on Tuesday. I sincerely hope the Convention will stay here now, just as much as if they had plenty of business before the ordinary sessions of the Convention. Whether we have business or not, I am always willing to adjourn over Saturday; but I am not willing to adjourn over any other day of the week.

Mr. PUGH. My only objection to the gentleman's amendment is just this; that I would prefer staying here until to-morrow, and then adjourning over until Tuesday. There are a great many members of this Convention to whom it is a very important matter that we adjourn we should adjourn until Tuesday. They are not benefited equally with the members from Baltimore city; for if they go home at all there is no way in which they can come back and be at the Convention on Monday. Their only chance would be to stay here all the time. But if we adjourn on Saturday, over to Tuesday,

we can go home and return so as to be here on Tuesday. If we adjourn only from Friday to Monday, it will effectually keep us here all the time. We should have to remain here Saturday and Sunday. It would be no benefit at all to members who are obliged to go beyond the city of Baltimore.

Mr. TODD. If the object be to let members go home, it would be necessary, in order to accommodate some of us, that we should adjourn to-day. If the Convention does not adjourn until Saturday, it would be utterly impossible for my delegation to go home. The only way in which we can reach home is to go to Baltimore to-night, and take the steamboat to-morrow for the Eastern Shore. I therefore hope, if the Convention adjourns at all over one day, it will adjourn so as to afford us an opportunity equal with those who are nearer.

Mr. STOCKBRIDGE. I am opposed both to the original motion, and to the amendment. I hope that we shall continue in session all the time until our work is done, unless we adjourn for very grave reasons which I do not see at this time. There are some members of this Convention, that, whether we adjourn from to-day until Tuesday or from to-morrow until Tuesday can go home, and be back to meet us again on Tuesday morning. It seems to me that it is hardly fair toward such members of the Convention that we should make these long adjournments. If the committees would continue together during the adjournment, so that our work would be progressing as rapidly in committee as if we had not adjourned, my objection would be removed. But if the Convention adjourns the committees go with them; so that nothing is done, and we meet on Tuesday morning precisely where we separate to-day. Some of the members can go home on adjournments for two days; others cannot. The only way is for us to remain at our post all the time, unless there are grave reasons for adjourning, and to go on from day to day until the final adjournment when we can all go together. That seems to be perfectly fair to all the members of the Convention, and I hope that course will be adopted now and hereafter.

Mr. KING. When committees have made their reports, members will want time to deliberate upon them; but until the committees commence to make their reports, we ought to remain here. If we go, the committees go. But after the committees make their reports, we could take some days perhaps.

Mr. CUSHING. I hope that the Convention will adjourn only over Saturday and until Monday morning, excepting for grave reasons. We should come here from day to day until our work is done; or, if we adjourn over Saturday it should be only until Monday morning. Some of the committees meet on Monday morning. I was notified of a