

is work enough for one person, but not for two. I therefore move to strike out the words "the secretary and."

Mr. VALLIANT. I offer the following as a substitute for the order:

Ordered. That the comptroller be authorized to contract with the printer for the folding of the journal of debates and mailing the same after the adjournment of the convention.

I have made an estimate of what the expense will be if the offer of the printer is accepted. He offers to fold the debates for three dollars a signature, furnishing the paper and mullage himself.

Mr. TODD. Not pay the postage.

Mr. VALLIANT. Is it proposed that the secretary, or the folder, shall do that? If so I will withdraw my substitute.

The PRESIDENT. The State will have to pay the postage.

Mr. VALLIANT. I was about to remark that the expense of getting the printer to do this will be from two dollars to two dollars and a half a day.

On motion of Mr. PUGH,
The further consideration of this subject was postponed until to-morrow.

LIMITATION OF DEBATE.

Mr. DANIEL submitted the following order:

Ordered. That the time allowed to each member for debate on any question before the convention be limited to five minutes; that no extension of time be granted except by a unanimous vote of the members present.

The PRESIDENT. The former order must be first reconsidered.

Mr. CUSHING. This is only amending the time allowed. I do not see any reason for reconsidering the order.

The PRESIDENT. If this order is adopted, it supersedes the other order.

Mr. CUSHING. Certainly, that is what we desire.

Mr. DENT. I do not think there has been any disposition to speak against time, since the adoption of the order limiting debate to twenty minutes. And it is necessary that gentlemen should explain their views in favor of or in opposition to propositions upon which they have to vote. And five minutes will not give any gentleman an opportunity of explaining intelligibly his views upon any important subject, so as to have them understood by his constituency, or by the public. Twenty minutes is certainly a very short time in which to do it. But that has seldom been consumed by any one in our recent debates. I am sure it is the object and the desire of every member of this body to get through with the labors of this convention as speedily as possible. And there is no necessity of imposing upon members such checks and restraints as the limitation of debate to five min-

utes. It will work manifest injustice, for it will be almost impossible for any one to get the unanimous consent of the convention to express his views for a longer period than the time fixed. I hope the order will not be adopted.

Mr. SANDS. I move to amend the order by striking out "five" and inserting "ten." I am as anxious to get away as anybody. But really the views expressed by the gentleman from St. Mary's (Mr. Dent) have a great deal in them.

Mr. DANIEL. I have always heretofore voted for not cutting off the time to these short periods, so as to give members time for debate. I have gone for fifteen minutes, and I went for twenty minutes before. But I shall vote for this order as it is now. We have passed through the main subjects before this convention except one report. We are now approaching the close. I think any gentleman can explain what he has to explain, in five minutes. I think some advantage has been taken of the time allowed, and by offering amendments and calling yeas and nays, in order to delay and consume time. I am therefore in favor of voting for the shortest time in reason. I will vote for five minutes, though I am willing ten should pass.

Mr. BILLINGSLEY. I think five minutes, or ten minutes, would be equivalent to allowing no debate at all, for it is too short a time to devote to a subject of paramount importance.

Mr. MAYHUGH moved to lay the order on the table.

On this question Mr. DANIEL called for the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question was then taken, by yeas and nays, and resulted—yeas 39, nays 33—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Barron, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Chambers, Clarke, Crawford, Cunningham, Davis, of Charles, Davis, of Washington, Dellinger, Dent, Duvall, Henkle, Hodson, Hollyday, Horsey, Johnson, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Markey, Mayhugh, Miller, Morgan, Negley, Parran, Scott, Smith, of Dorchester, Sneary, Stockbridge, Sykes, Turner, Wilmer—39.

Nays—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Cushing, Daniel, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hopkins, Hopper, Keefer, Kennard, Larsh, McComas, Mullikin, Parker, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Swope, Thomas, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—33.

The motion to lay the order on the table was accordingly adopted.

On motion of Mr. VALLIANT,
It was ordered to be entered on the journal that Melancthon Dodson, (page,) is detained from the convention by protracted sickness.