

ADJOURNMENT OVER.

Mr. RIDGELY. I do not rise to say anything upon the subject before the house, but to bring the house to the consideration of business. I move that when the convention adjourns to-night, it stand adjourned until Monday next, at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. NEGLEY. I move to amend by striking out "Monday," and inserting "Tuesday." I do not think we ought to adjourn at all, unless we adjourn to that time.

Mr. CUSHING. I should like to hear some reason for the adjournment while in the full tide of successful work.

Mr. RIDGELY. The reason lies in a very narrow compass. It is known to the whole convention that we have but one more subject to consider, and that is the usury report. The committee of revision are engaged industriously in the revision of the work that has been done, and I am informed that that committee do not expect to be able to complete their labors until late in the day to-morrow; and it will therefore be impossible for us to go through with our business until the committee on revision are prepared to make a final report. Besides which, the entire constitution by the order of the house is to be engrossed for the signature of the presiding officer. Under these circumstances the house will be without any kind of employment to-morrow, supposing the usury report, which is very short, to be passed to-night. If the house determines to adjourn to-night, such members as desire it may leave in the morning train and return on Monday, when the committee on revision will be able to submit their final report, and the house will be able to act deliberately, doing things, as the gentleman from Carroll observed this morning, decently and in order, instead of having the business all crowded upon us during the day to-morrow.

Mr. NEGLEY. In addition to what the gentleman from Baltimore county has said, we know that there are now before the committee on revision seven or eight reports—about half of all the reports. We know by the experience of this convention that it took the whole afternoon to go over the judiciary report. And I do not see how it is possible for any committee to go over that report carefully and deliberately, comparing the different sections with each other, and correcting the verbal mistakes, if there are any, in the manner they should go over it, in less than half a day. What is the use of one day at the heel of a session of four months? What are two days, or half a week, at the heel of the session? Would we not a great deal better spend two days more, and give this committee time to go over its revision carefully, systematically, and in such a manner that we can depend upon their work; when they report to this body. It is not to be ex-

pected that we will give it much more attention, when we adjourn to-night to meet again on Monday or Tuesday. We shall be in no frame of mind to go into a critical examination of the report of the committee on revision. Therefore, I say, let us give them ample time. Let them complete their work. I know the chairman of that committee (Mr. Earle) is competent to do it, and I believe the other members will assist him, and we may rely upon their work. The State, I am satisfied, would much rather see this thing done up neatly and effectually, and with propriety. There is no necessity for hurrying over this matter.

Again, I think our friends from Baltimore county and city ought to have a little compassion on the members who live a little further away from the seat of government. It is very easy for them to come here to-morrow morning, to be there on the Sabbath, and return here on Monday morning. We of the western counties cannot do that. We can go home and spend the Sabbath with our families and be here on Tuesday at 12 o'clock. I think if you adjourn to that time you will have a quorum and a full house; but I very much doubt whether you will have a full house on Monday; and at the final adoption of this constitution I would like to see a full house. I would like to impress upon members of the convention the necessity and the propriety of being here in force on Tuesday. If you adjourn to Monday, you will not have a full house that day. If I go home, and I shall be sorely tempted to do so, I am certain I cannot be here before Tuesday morning. Adjourning until Tuesday, you will give the committee an additional twenty-four hours. They need it—they want it. Let them have that ample time. I do hope that we shall adjourn over to that time.

Mr. CUSHING. I have listened with attention to the reasons urged by the gentleman from Washington (Mr. Negley;) but I must say that I remain as yet unconvinced that we cannot finish the whole work before the convention by to-morrow, if necessary at midnight. The committee on revision presented to us this morning their report on a number of articles, some of them of a great deal of importance. We acted on these in a few minutes; and I think the majority of the convention thought we acted decently and in order, and acted knowingly. The judiciary report, which the gentleman says took all the afternoon, I would remind him was complicated with several other things besides merely correcting it. Besides, the house having corrected the judiciary report mainly, the work the committee on revision will have to do upon it will be very slight. If the house adjourns until Monday or Tuesday, it will probably, on the day fixed, be without a quorum; for many of the members will go home to-morrow morning, and they will not