

On motion of Mr. STIRLING,
The convention took a recess until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The convention met at 8 o'clock, P. M.
The roll was called, and the following members answered to their names:

Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Annan, Audoun, Baker, Belt, Brooks, Brown, Carter, Chambers, Crawford, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Delinger, Dent, Duvall, Earle, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hatch, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopper, Horsey, Jones, of Cecil, Keefe, Kennard, King, Larsh, Lee, Marbury, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Parran, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Russell, Sands, Schley, Schlosser, Scott, Sneary, Stirling, Stockbridge, Sykes, Thomas, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—62.

THE SOLDIERS' VOTE.

Mr. DANIEL. I ask the consent of the house to make a statement with reference to some remarks that were made in the debate yesterday. It will be recollected by the house that one of the gentlemen from Prince George's (Mr. Marbury) yesterday, in a speech, made reference to a certain vote that had been taken among the soldiers encamped here, at which vote, I think he stated that all had voted for McClellan except seven, and these would have voted for him if they had not been afraid. There were at that time some officers present who were surprised at the announcement, and believing that injustice would be done them, or a large proportion of them, if such a report were to go out uncontradicted, they felt it their duty to call a meeting and take a vote; and they desire me to present the result to the convention. I ask therefore that this paper, showing the result of the vote, be entered upon the record of the debates of this convention.

Mr. MILLER. Is that in order?

Mr. CUSHING. Quite as much so as the personal character of Mr. Williams.

Mr. BELT. That was not so much the character of Mr. Williams as the character of Mr. Valliant.

The paper was read as follows:

OFFICERS' HOSPITAL,
Annapolis, Md., Sept. 2, 1864.

The wounded officers at this hospital, representing some two hundred and fifty different regiments, met to-day to give expression to their choice of candidates for the presidency.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Comstock. On motion, he was called on to preside over the meeting.

Lieutenant Ball, of the second Maryland volunteers, was appointed secretary, and the following officers tellers: Captain Little,

187th Pennsylvania volunteers, Captain Wells, 1st New York dragoons, and Lieutenant Davis, second infantry, United States army.

Lieutenant Colonel Adney, of the 36th Ohio, was called upon to address the meeting, when he proceeded to make a few appropriate remarks, which were received with great applause. He was followed by Colonel DeForest; of the 11th Massachusetts volunteers, and Colonel Massey, 2nd Maryland volunteers, and others.

The following named officers were appointed a committee to wait upon the Maryland State Convention, now in session here, with the result of the ballot:

Lieutenant Colonel Adney, 36th Ohio volunteers, D. H. Armstrong, Surgeon, United States volunteers, and Captain DeKay, 14th infantry, United States army.

The ballot was then taken with the following result:

Lincoln and Johnson.....	237
McClellan and Pendleton.....	32
Fremont and Cochrane.....	1

Total..... 270
Lincoln majority, 204.

Wm. B. BALL,
2nd Md. Vols., Secretary.

[Applause.]

Mr. BELT. As my colleague who made the statement is not here, I will say I have no doubt that the explanation of it is this: We know very well that night by night those who constitute the soldiers here, are coming and going between two suns. The vote he referred to was taken I believe some days ago, at least. I understood yesterday that on the night before there had been a very large arrival of troops from Maine; and I do not suppose anybody expects Maine men will vote for McClellan, soldiers or not. No doubt it was the Maine vote that carried the result against us.

Mr. CUSHING. I should like to have the gentleman from Prince George's explain to us the process by which broken limbs can be cured between sun and sun, in order that these men who come here with a wounded leg or arm, or a hole in the breast or stomach, may be cured and sent away. The information might be valuable to surgeons.

Mr. BELT. I have been here four months, and I have never seen any arrival of wounded men, and I have never seen any departure of them in the day time; and hence I conclude they are moved at night. I suppose the reason the government moves the men at night is that it is more salubrious, on account of the coolness of the atmosphere.

Mr. DANIEL. These officers say that they represent "some two hundred and fifty different regiments. So many could not have come from Maine. [Laughter and applause.]

Mr. SANDS. I would like to say a word.—