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A Radical yet Needed Change-Northern and Southern Representation.

ONE of the provisions of the bill recently introduced by General SCHENCK, and of whose passage there is said to be but little doubt. amends the Constitution so as to procure the appointment of representatives in accordance with the number of voters, and not of inhabitants, as the present law reads. The change to be thus effected in our whole political system is a most radical one, and should receive the calmest and most thorough investigation before any decision is arrived at. In the results it will produce, it could only be exceeded in importance by the adoption of a property qualification for suffrage, and far more sweeping than any such action could be. It is, in fact, the only door through which the General Government can interfere with the right of citizenship; and even in this instance, its agency fis rather secondary than final in its results, although not the less powerful because of its being indirect.

The original drafters of the Constitution

were particularly careful to leave to each State the right of prescribing what should qualify a voter within its limits. That the States have availed themselves of this privilege is testified by the diversity of qualifications. In Massachusetts the term of years needed before naturalization is much longer than in some of the new Western States, while in New York a negro must have six bundred dollars' worth of property before he can vote, wh'le here no wealth can secure him suffrage. Other equally distinct differences exist, each State availing itself of its privilege, and prescribing who shall be its citizens. While, therefore, Congress cannot say who shall vote, it can however, so apportion the representation as to exclude a large number of residents from being counted in the apportionment. The present law as it exists allows one representative for every 127,000 free residents, while in the South three-fifths of the slaves were added. Since the proclamation of freedom, and the adoption of the constitutional amendment forever abolishing slavery, the South have gained two-fifths more influence than they had in the days when human servitude was their corner-stone. Thus, formerly it would have taken 200,000 blacks to secure one representative, while now 127,000 are entitled to one, attaough not one vote can be cast by the whole number who are represented. According to the census of 1860, the Southern States were entitled to eighty four members of Congress These eighty-four members represented about eight million whites, and three fifths of four millions of slaves, or two million four hundred thousand slaves. Now the white population, at 127,000 to each representative would have been entitled to sixty-seven members, the remaining seventeen being secured under the constitutional law. At the present time, in place of 2,400,000 blacks being counted, there will be 4,000,000 who will be represented by thirty members in the lower House, or they will thus gain thirteen more members, or a number equal to the whole influence of Maine New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island combined. The additional power thus secured is theirs without extending to the blacks a single vote, or giving them willingly a single additional privilege. In fact, the North, in a flush of gratitude, has forced upon the South thirteen more members of Congress, as a reward of their rebellion. The fruit of their treason is this acquisition of power, and, should they be readmitted, we would have ninety-seven Southern to one hundred and forty-two Northern representatives, or a population numbering but 8,000,000 whites has nearly as much power as one including 2,200, 000. This is a gross and flagrant violation of the fundamental doctrine of a republican Government, a repetition of the old truckling sycophancy which we had hoped the war had successfully obliterated, a crying injustice to the Northern voter, and a system which cannot but promote ill-feeling between the sections, and endangerour national life.

The only feasible remedy is that suggested in the Reconstruction Committee, and which General Schenck says has the approval of the President. The national authorities have no right to extend to the blacks the privilege of suffrage, as that is specially reserved for the local powers; but they can decide on the elective apportionment of the House. The measure advocated is to limit the apportionment to voters, and not to residents. To say that every 25,000 voters, and not 127,000 inhabitants shall constitute a Congressional district, and thus cut off all minors, women, and blacks from having an influence in Congress which they cannot themselves exert. By this means only such Southerners as shall be pardoned citizens of the United States would be counted in the enumeration, and all blacks and traitors be excluded until they were admitted to the right of suffrage. This would act as an inducement to the whites to extend the privilege to the freedmen in order to secure additional representatives, and would have the effect of securing perfect equality of influence between the citizens of every portion of the Union. We therefore warmly advocate the adoption of the amendment by

Congress, and its submission to the various Legislatures of the various States,

By the adoption of such a change, the vexed question of the future state of the blacks would be settled by giving it over to the States, and leaving it to them whether they would secure the additional power by extending the additional right, or continue to pamper to their prejudices, and remain with a diminished influence. We firmly believe that, in such an alternative, the love of power would overcome their hatred of the black, and suffrage be almost immediately extended. Whether such would be advisable is a question of extreme doubt, but as the States extending the right will have to bear the good or ill effects themselves, we are glad that an inducement will be offered them to try the experiment. "The only preparation for freedom is freedom," writes MACAULEY; but whether the only preparation for suffrage is suffrage, is a question which, as ic concerns only the South, we will leave for the South to decide. The amendment is one demanded by justice, and will, we hope, receive the early attention of Congress and the President.

The Steamship Enterprise

A GENERAL mistake has been made in regard to the meeting of the friends of the steamship line to Southern ports at the Board of Trade rooms last week; and, because it was not reported in the papers, it has been thought a fallure. On the contrary, it was a decided success. The facts stated, the money contributed, and the spirit of the merchants present, have greatly encouraged the movement. The meeting was not public, but strictly a business meeting of the Chairmen of Com-

The energy of the Corn Exchange is now an additional reason for expecting the speedy establishment of these steam lines. That association on Saturday emphatically endorsed the project as indispensable to the prosperity of the city, and resolved to co-operate earnestly with the General Committee holding its meetings at the rooms of the Board of Trade. Many of the leading members of the Corn Exchange have been interested in the plan from the first.

At the business meeting on Friday it was stated that the subscriptions now reach nearly \$500,000, with a number of important committees yet to be heard from. We think these figures tell their own story. The first part of the work was the hardest. It has now been shown that the merchants and manufacturers of Philadelphia understand the greatness of this enterprise, and the completion of the Fund is merely a matter of perseverance and time. In one month, we predict, \$800,000 at least will be subscribed.

To WHICH OF THE VICTORS BELONG THE SPOILS?-The recent publication of the amount of prize money allotted to the various ranking officers of the navy, has attracted attention to the evident injustice which characterizes the basis of such a division. It will be seen that the officers' receipts only have been published, those of the seamen who constituted the crew not being given. We can tell, however, the amount given to them by comparison. The law on the subject prescribes that the amount of money accruing from the capture of a prize shall be divided into three equal parts-one of which goes to the commander of the squadron, unless the vessel be on detached service; one to the officers and crew pro rata to their pay; and the last to the Government. It will be thus seen how Admiral S. P. LEE, in his delicious berth at Fortress Monroe, receives \$99,000 for doing nothing: how PORTER, on the Mississippi, gets his \$90,000; while FARRAGUT, wandering from port to port, lashed to the mast-head during dangerous engagements, winning honor at Mobile and being everywhere where danger threatened and glory could be achieved, gets for his services \$55,000-a little more than half as much as those who did much less service and hold a much inferior rank. Thus the glaring injustice of such a division to the officers themselves will be seen.

It is even more wrong, however, when the demands of the sailors and subordinates are considered. What had Admiral LEE or Admiral PORTER to do with nine-tenths of the captures made; where would they stand? There is every prospect that they did not see the fight or know of the arrival of the prize in the neighborhood until she was manned by a United States crew. Yet one-third of that prize goes to the Admiral for holding a spyglass, and ruling with rigor on his own ship while the lieutenant and sailors who secured the vessel, undergo the danger, and risk life and all that is dear to secure her, receive a miserable pittance of one-third. The share which would be allotted to a common sailor will, if he has undergone all the privations, be about five hundred dollars, in comparison with the one hundred thousand dollars of the useless, safe Admiral in command of the squadron. Again, the little money even thus acquired has to be divided among all the crews of all the vessels in sight at the time. Thus those who do the work receive less than those who, safe in the distance, view, or, miles away, are supposed to command the

vessel by which the capture is effected. And this is called justice! This is a fair distribution of prize money! It is a wrong and an outrage on the American seamen. It savors too much of the nobility in the British navy; of the Admiral of the Red, of the White, and of the Blue. We call on the Naval Committees of Congress to see that some rectification of this evil is effected. If bravery is to be rewarded, and daring and heroism encouraged; if we want NELSONS, JONESES, and FARRAGUTS, they must come from the lower grades, and the best incentive to fame is to secure such a reward as will stimulate the young to exertion. When this is done, and justice is secured, then we can expect to see our navy rise even higher than the lofty height it occupies to-day.

MEXICO.

The News from Chihushus-President Junez Begins His Second Term-Gon. Regules made Commander-in-Casef of the Central Army-Mejin, Alvarez, Carvajal, and Others made Major-Gen-

Washington, January 7. Official news from the city of Chihushua up to December 2, has been received here. President Juarez had enered upon his new term without any opposition, with exception that one General made a protest against the extension of the term, and went over

to the French side.

General Regules, a very successful officer, had been appointed General-in-Chief of the Central Army, in place of the lamented General Arteaga, who was assassinated by order of Maximilian. Generals Ignacio Mejia, Epelacio N icta, Nicolas Regules, Diego Alvarez, and Josef Carvajal had been promoted to be Major-Generals for patriotic and meritorious services. An unfounded rumor prevailed at Chihunhua that the French would return to that place.

AN OLD VIRGINIA RELIC-"THE OLD BLUE Bowl,"—This old historical relic, holding thirty gallons, and which for so many years belonged to the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, of this city, we are glad to find was rescued from de-struction on the ever-memorable 3d of April, by an ex-captain of that famous old company. It is said that this bowl is upwards of eighty years old, and during its "lifetime" has contained be-tween one hundred and fifty and two hundred thousand gallons of egg-nog, julep, punch, toddy, etc. It is now at "The Place," opposite our office, and will be realled with egg-nog on the occasion of the reorganization of the old company, which is now under way,-Richmond

-Prince Christian, of Schleswig-Holstein, has left England for the Continent. This unimportant fact is chronicled at great length in the London papers, because the Prince is now be throthed to the Princess Helena, of England. -It is predicted that the olive crop in Spain

will be very large next year. This report is pre-dicated on the appearance, at this early date, of a species of insect called by the peasantry

-The Pall Mall Gazette attributes human tastes and character entirely to education, and thruks that many a canonized saint, if educated ike Tom Sayers, would have been a rowdy and

-A prisoner in Salisbury (England) jail, who trial for murder, committed suicide He was allowed to take a warm bath, and contrived to drown hunself in the water. Once before, since he has been in jail, he en-deavored to commit suicide. He sent to a friend to get him some pills made up, and the prescrip tion he forwarded contained a deadly poison.

-The Algerian question is the cause of wide dissensions in the French Cabinet. The mass of the native population is much dis-atisfied in consequence of the delays and postponements which have taken place in the execution of the reforms which the Emperor's visit led the natives to anticipate. Some uneasiness is telt in high quarters as to the effect this may have on the African colony.

-It is a pleasing superstition of the peasants of Britiany that the popping of chesnuts, when placed on the fir- at a child's birth, betokens its tuture success in life. If they explode it will be rich and talkative; but it they has and smoulder away it will always be unlucky; while if they quietly turn inside out and burn with a flame it will be happy in marriage.

#### BANK NOTICES.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF PHILADELPHIA No. 723 ARCH Street, (Designated Depository of the United States).

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the bours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. W.

118t SAMUEL J. MAC MULLAN, Cashier.

SECOND NATIONAL BANK, PHILA-DELPHIA.

FRANKFORD, December 27, 1865.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the banking house on TUFSDAY, January 9, 1866, between the hours of 12 and 3.

WILLIAM H. RHAWN, Cashier.

THE CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPRIA. December 9. 1855

The Annual Election for Directors will be field at the BANK of UESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the fours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

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J. W. TORREY, Cashier.

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK. PHILADELPHIA. January 4, 1866.
The Directors have this day declared an extra Dividend of FIFTY DOLLARS per share, payable on and after thursday, 18th instant, free from taxes 15 mw6t

F. J. STEEL, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Royal Petroteum Company will be held at No. 305 CHESNUT Street on TUESDAY, January 9, 1866, at 12 o'clock, for the election of officers for the ensuing year. JOHN GALLAGHER, JR.,

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

REV. RICHARD NEWTON, D. D., will preach in TRINITY METHODIST EPISCO-PAL CHURCH. FIGHTH Street, above Race, THIS EVENING. at 7% o'clock.

A MEETING OF THE STOCK HOLDERS
OF THE HED MOUNTAIN COAL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY will be held at the office of
the Company, No. 298 S. FOURTH Streat, on SATURDAY, January 13, at 12 o'clock M.
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L. S. FILBERT, Secretary.

NOTICE! NOTICE! NOTICE!—THE
ANNUAL BALL of the Northern Liberty Fire
Company, No. 1, will come off THIS EVENING at the
NATIONAL GUALDS' HALL, upper and lower

OFFICE ST. NICHOLAS COAL COMPANY, No. 2003 WALNUT Street.
PHILADELPHA. January 5, 1866.
The Directors of the St. Nicholas Coal Company have
this day declared a di-idend of SEVEN PAR CENF. on
the capital stock for the quarter ending December 30,
1865, payable on and after MONDAY, January 15, 1865.
Transfer Books will be closed on TUE-SDAY, January
9, and reopened on MONDAY, the 18th.
186t
U. F. SHOENER, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S EQUI-

PHILADELPHIA, January 4, 1866.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be he'd at their office, on MONDAY, January 10, 1866, at 12 o'cock noon, for the purpose of electing soven Directors to serve the ensuing year, and for such other business has may be brought before them. Polls close at 2 o'clock P. M.

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P. STACKHOUSE, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE UNION PASSENGER BAILWAY COMPANY, No. 208 S. FOURTH The Coupons of the Bonds of this Company failing due on the let o January, 1886, will be said on presentation at the Office of JACOB E. RIDGWAY, Banker, No. 57 S. THIRD Street.

OFFICE OF SECOND AND THIRD STREETS PASSENGER RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 2463 FRANKFOR. Road. TANY, No. 2457 FRANK FOR: Road.

PHILADELPHIA, January 4, 1856.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT, for the last six months, payable to be clockholders, or their legal representatives, on and after the 5th instant, clear of all taxes.

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E. A. L. SLEY, Treasurer.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COM-PANY. TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

PHILADELPHIA November 1, 1865. )
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS —The Board of Dire tots have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT on the Capital Stock of the Company, cear of National and State taxes, payable on and after November 30, 1865. Blank powers of attorney for collecting dividends can be had at the Office of the Company, No. 238 8. THIRD Street.

THOMAS T. FIRTH, THE PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION
FOR THE DEAF AND BUMB.—The annual
meeting of the contributors to the Pennsylvania Institution or the Dear and Dumb will be held at the Insutution, corner of BBOAD and PINE breets, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 40'c'cek P M.
'The Annual Report of the Board of Directors will be
submitted, and an election will be he.d for officers to
serve for the ensuing year.

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AMES J. BARCLAY, Secretary. SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

PRILADELPHIA, January 6, 1863.

Whereas, about 7 o'clock this morning, January 6,

MISS MARY WATT.

An aged lady, was cruelly murdered at her residence, on East Queen street, above Main street, in the Twenty-second Ward of this city, by some person unknown:-Now, therefore as Mayor of the City of Philadelsha, I do hereby offer a reward of

#### FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS

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In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of Philadeiphia, this sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hungred and sixty-aix (A. D. 1866).

MORTON McMICHAEL, MAYOR OF PHILADELPHIA.

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