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 Constitutional Retomm, Proposod in Now Tur Constitution of the State of New York
provides that once every twenty years tho question slall be submitted to the quallifed
electors of the State, whether a Convention electors of the State, whether a Convention
or the revision of the Consititution shall ba called. This is the twentiteth yenr since the adoption of the present Constitution, and con-
sequently the question of calling a Convention for its revision is to be voted upon by
the people this fail. We observe that the the preppe this sais of that State seems generally th favor the calling of the Convention. The chief
feature of the present Constitution animadourted upon is che elective judiciary. Previ 846, the judiciary in New York was appointed That Constitution made radical and widepread changes, throwing the bench into the
rena of direct popular election. This plan at candid to say that many of the wisest and est men of the State regard it as a failure, nent. They think that it has degraded the Independence of the judges, and placed, in many instances, men of inferior talents and fal positions dependent on the machinery of party politicis, and converted them intory prizes
ior the dishouorable scrambles of caueas aominations. In the rural districts the sys-
tem has not worked so badly as in the citics, od especially in New York, where the judi-
ary has become a byword and a reproach. complete return to the old system of of ap-
cointment by the Governor and the Seante, pointment by the Governor and the Senate,
ond that the term of oflce shall be for lifeor
furing good behavior. Others would retain the elective system for the country nad minor
cities, but would aboll h it in New York city. Als seem wo be agreed that the plan of elcet-
ing Judges in that city is a tailure. It is
eastimated by the "Citizens" Association" that ot less than sixty thousand votes there are the breach of the laws- -a number sufficient
a slmost any time to control the elections.
As a consequence, the bench has become notoriously corrupt; the laws are violated
with impunity; life and property are insad man.
Indeed, not only is the electin\% of fadges
declared to be a fail ure in New York, but the eery capacity of the city fer municipal self-
overninent is denicd. So vast nud powerfil
ro tho elements of evil there, that her best itizens are ready to ph tet the governnent of
the city in the bands of the State at large.
Tbings bave been tending towards this ior some time. The control of the police was
ong ago taken out of the hands of the Mayor ad city authorities, and placed in the hands Sende. More recentiy the Fre Depattment
and the Bealth Department have been like.
wise placed in the hands of Metropolian Boards. And it is now urged that a
Boasr of Control be alded. havigg entire
upervision of the finances of the city and upervision of the inances of the eity, and
firecting all tis expenditures.. This seems to
ee the only refuge from bankruptey, as the xpenees of the city, tbrough the peculations corrupt "rings," bave run up from three or
fur millions to twenty milions a year. This reaction towards a less purely popular
iotu of goverument in our nelghboring State
f, we apprehend, more apparent than real s, we apprelend, more apparent than real.
The Convention of 1846 went to great lengths, rud many of is mensures were doubtle
unwise. In the mitter of the Judiciary n
unt aly was the elective element introduced, but quite probable that these will be lengthened,
and that the constitution of the courts will e somewhat cianged; but we do not appre-
hend that the elective syatem will be given up as to the State at large. So far as New
York city is concernee, its capacity for local elf-government 8 eems to have tailed. . But
his only confirms what has always been this only connrms what has always bren
maintained by the wisest fritend of popular
institutions, $\mathrm{v}^{\text {tze }}$, that succeesful selp-governinstitutions, $y^{\prime} \mathrm{z}$, that successful selifgovern-
ment is only possible to intelligent and
yittuous Wherever vice and crime and ignorance
come to preponderate over virtue and order and intelligence, thore self-goverament is an absurdity and a falure. But in New York
the remedy is simple, and in accordance with the remedy is simple, and in accordanco with
Ropubilican prinicipes, and that is, to in-
crease the constituency. The city is part of the state at large; ; nd if it shows is in indevolves upon the State to extend protection devolves upont tdea of local independence
over it. The the finds no place in our syster. Cities are bu corporations created by the State, and
whenever they show an incapacity to fulfil the ends for which they were created, the State, as the soverel gn power, must neces sarily intervene.
Tre detalls of the loss of the steamship Evening Star, and of the escape of the lew
survivors, are full of those harrowing fncisurvivors, are
dents so characteristic of such awful calami-
ties.

The Trial of Jeflerson Davis.
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Some oflecal correeppondence botwen Prest- } \\ & \text { dent Jobnson and Attorney. General Stantory, }\end{aligned}$ dent Johnson and Attorney-Gencral Stangbery,
respectine the trial of Jeff. Davis, bas been madd public. From it we learr that Davis is held as a prisoner to awalt trial by the elvil
counts. He is indicted for treason in the
United Sta conis. Se is indicted for treason in the
Untited States Court for the diatrict of Vir-
ginia, ginia, and the District Attorney for that dis-
trict bass been notifed that he will be de-
livered into the cuitody livered into the custody of the Marshal upen
a capias under the indictment. This th a capias under the indictment. This the
District Attorney declines to have issued, on
the ground that he has no place the ground that he has no place so safe and
comfortable for the keeping of the prisoner as his present quar ers. There is also some
uncertainty about the holding of the Courts, owing to changes made in the districts by an
act of Congresp passed last winter. The
Attoncy General Attorncy General says that no application
has been made by Davis' counsel for his trans
her then
 Monroe to Fort Lafiayette-a request which
was not granted on account of an adverse
raport report of a
was reterre
We find in this correspondence no allasion
to the original charge upon when to the original charge upon whlch Jefferoon
Davis was arrested, viz, complicity in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, late President or the Un'ted States. This charge was
promulgated in a special proclamation of Pre stident Jobnson, dated May 2, 1865, and offer-
ing the sum on ing the sum of one hundred thousand aollan
for the arrest of effrerson Davis. It was upon
tilis charge, and this alone, that Davis wa originally arrested. And at that time the
Attorney-General Attorney-General gave it ns his opinion "tha
the persens implicated in the marder of the
late President, Abrabam Lincoln"" were "sil late President, Abrabam Lincoln," were "sub-
fect to the furisdiction of, and lawfully triable
before before, a military commission." Why Davis
was not so tried the public have informed. THE Age of Saturday contains an article on
the excitement caused by a bogus despatch,
in which we fint the excitement caused by a bogus despatch,
in which we find the tol'owing signilicant
sentence:-

 We woold ask, What does this declaration
mean? Why should there be an tion of specie reserves in view of the Presi-
dent's dauger? What benefli would such an aecumulation be to him in any case, as it is
inlegal tor him to touch one dollar of the funds in the national vaults? Eilier this
set tence means nothing, or cose it means
that should an timpeachment be attempted, the Treasury fands would be used by the
Executive in his sefense. Such a statement
as the orcan of the Pennsylvania Democracy as the organ of the Pennsylvania Democracy
publishes is at least peeulin.
The same article says:-"Chief Justice Chase seems now to have before him the
prospect of presiding at the trin of the
Preeidents." As thiss naturally sounds re-
markable, the Ageexplains that tit refers to the markable, the Agee eplains that it refers to the
President ant the Whtite House nad the Presi-
dent at Fortross Monroo. We are not sur-
prised at that Journal speaking of Davis as though he were equal to the President of the
United States. Until wr hin a sear it was
doubtul which it would adhere to. A Poskr. The Denocrats of Newr York,
pretending to be quite well satissld with the "rains" of their party in this State,
Triuzene invites them try their hands
little calculation of this sort :-

 istie trick in one of the lowa Congressionia
Districts at the late election. They got up a hand-bill, which was circulated on the morn-
ing of election dya, announcing the death or
the Republican candidate the to be voted for instead, to which wa
son tor
forge be Republican Clignature of the Chairman of the district. They did not win, however. Tre nomination of the Hon. "
Rogers for Congress in New Jersee do give universal satifiaction to the Democrat
of his district, the "Young Men's Conserva tive Club" of Orange, by resolution, denounc-
ing it as an "outrage." This is a poor reward for Jack's services in leadithg the party o
the floor of the House of Representatives. Grskrat Butuer made a great speech to
an immense meeting in St. Louis on the even an immense meeting in St. Louis on
ing of the 18th. Repubbican prosp.
daily growing brighter in Missouri.
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