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The True Point at Issue.

'I'ma Age, in discussing Mr. Sumner's reconstruction resolutions, says :--

"The bar in the way of this proposition is the act, stated by the President, and urged in our columns more than once, that Governments exist in all the Southern States, and hence Congress has nothing to do with reconstruction, except to allow the people representation."

The question is not whether "Governments exist in the Southern States," but whether those Governments are loyal, valid, constitu-Governments, and "republican in tional And the Constitution, in imposing form." upon Congress the duty of guaranteeing to every State a republican form of government, necessarily clothes that body will the power of deciding what are and what are not republican forms of government.

State Governments existed in all the Southern States at the close of the Rebellion, but they were Rebel State Governments, and President Johnson overthrew them. The Age, we believe, endorses that action of the President, and in doing so of course concedes that the mere existence of State Governments in the Southern States does not determine the rightfulness of their existence, much less the justice of their c'aim to share political power in the government of the Union. That the present organizations called State Governments, in the territories of the late Rebel States, are utterly illegal, fraudulent, and unconstitutional, we deem to be susceptible of the clearest proof. That they are not republican in form is equally evident. That they are composed of persons lately in rebellion, and are as thoroughly Rebel in character as were those overthrown by President Johnson in April, 1965, hardly admits of a doubt.

Congress, therefore, in interfering with these illegal and usurping organizations, will be but following out the strict letter of the Constitution, while it will also remove what s now the chief obstacle to the peace and progress of the country.

New Orleans Massacre to be Ventilated. NO MORE disgraceful page of American history will ever be written than that which shall truthfully detail all the facts in regard to the New Orleans massacre. It will be remembered that the President, in his notorious St. Louis speech last summer, distinctly charged the responsibility of that affair upon the Congress of the United States. The interests of justice require that that bloody massacre shall be investigated, and all the ficts connect-d with it be placed before the public. We are, therefore, glad to see that the House of Representatives yesterday adopted the following resolution. It is said that the Committee will proceed to New Orleans next Monday to commence its work :--"Resolved, That a committee of three members be appointed by the Speaker, whose duty shall be to proceed, without unnecessary delay, to New Orleans, in the State of Louislana, to make an investigation into all matters connected with the recent bloody riots in that city, which took place on the 31st o/ July and the 1st of August, 1866, and particularly to inquire into the origin, progress, and termination of the riotous procoeding ; the names of the parties engaged in it; the acts of atrocity p-roetrated; the number of killed and wounded; the charact r and amount of property de-troyed, and whether an I to what extent those acts were participated in members of the organization claiming to be the Government of Louisiana, and report all the tac's to the House; and the Sergeant-at-irms, or h s deputy, and the stenographer of the House. are directed to accompany the said Committee, and that all the expense of this investigation he paid out of the contingent fund of the House; the Committee to have power to send for per sons and papers and examine witnesses unde oath: also to appoint a clerk, and to report legislative action as may be requisite, in such view of the condition of affairs in the State of Louisiana." No Presidential Re-elections. THE motion of the Hon. B. F. Wade, to so amend the Constitution as to render the President ineligible to re-election, seems to us eminently proper. By such an alteration of the supreme law of our land many of the evils which are now incident to the general administration would be obviated. The occupant of the Executive chair, under the present system, consumes his term of office with the exertions to secure his re-election. All his actions tend towards that result. All that would be likely to injure his popularity is carefully refrained from, and the admistration of government becomes rather the means of personal advancement than the exponent of justice. If, however, he must be satisfied with the honor once accorded him, and his office close when the four years have elapsed, the great incentive to a sacrifice of right for popularity would be withdrawn, and the result would be a marked mprovement in the policy of the Executive. While, therefore, much good would probably result from this change, we expose ourselves to the loss of but little good. The only argument that can be advanced for the eligibility of the President is, that when we get a good ofh, er we should retain him. But then all the bad ones desire the honor, and exactly in proportion to their worthlessness will they use the power o," the Government to aid their personal ambition. It is best that the good be limited as well as the bad, for better to be deprived of one faithfui servant than expose ourselves to the corruptions which many faithless ones would attempt. We hope the amendment will receive the early sanction of Congress.

The Appointments-A Reform Needed. HON. LEONARD MYEBS, of this city, introduced yesterday in the House the following very important preamble and resolution :-"Whereas, Under the Constitution of the United States the President of the United States

bas power to appoint officers of the United States bas power to appoint officers of the United States, whose appointments are established by haw only by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, except temporarily to fill up vacan-cies that may happen in the recess of the Senate; and whereas, The present Chief Magistrate, it is alleged, has, in numerous instances, failed to nominate such officers to the Senate for such advice and cousent until its session had nearly closed, and then, after rejection, reappointed them or designated others for their places, thus virtually exercising the sole power of appointwithout severaling the sole power of appoint-ment; and whereas, in numerous other instances he has, it is alleged, appointed men to office, and allowed a session of the Senate to elapse without sending in their names for confirma-tion; and whereas, He has also, it is alleged, in numerous instances, during the recess of the Schale, made appointments to office where no vacancies had hannened or existed; be it

vacancies had happened or existed; be it "hesoted, That the President of the United States be and he is hereby requested to com-municate to the House, at as early a day as

appointed, and the dates of their several ap-pointments and of their nominations to the

"2. A like list and designation of all personappointed by him whose names were withheld

from the Senate during its session. "3. A like list and designation of all appoint ments made by him during the receas of the Senate where no vacancy had happened, and, if to fill vacancies, then a complete statement of how such vacancies occurred."

We trust that, while Congress has this subject under consideration, it will introduce a thorough and radical reform into our whole system of public appointments. The practical carrying-out of the vicious maxim that "To the victors belong the spoils," has done more to corrupt and degrade American politics, and to injure the public service, than any or all other causes combined. The present is a favorable time for inaugurating a reform which shall go to the root of the matter.

To be Investigated.

THE House of Representatives yesterday, on motion of Mr. Pike, of Maine, adopted a preamble and resolution reciting that three United States soldiers were murdered in South Carolina on October 5, under circumstances of peculiar cruelty; that several persons were arrested, tried, and condemned by a military commission for said murder; that such persons were subsequently reprieved and sent to Fort Delaware, from which they were taken by habeas corpus and set free; and resolving that a select committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to investigate the circums ances attending the murder, and by whose procurement the reprieve and transfer were made, and the consideration for the same, and the reasons thereof, and all the fact connected therewith; the committee to have power to send for persons and papers, examine witnesses under oath, and to report to the House such action as it may deem necessary.

What gives especial interest to this matter is that it is charged that a present Cabinet officer, who was at that time practising law in Washington, received an enormous fee for using his personal influence with the President in ob aining a reprieve for these scoundrels, who have just been set free. Democratic Gratitude to the President. MR. LE BLOND, a Democratic member of the House from Ohio, in discussing yesterday the bill providing for the assembling of the Fortieth and each succeeding Congress upon the 4th day of March of the years in which the Congressional terms of office commences made the following allusions to the President :-"I can see nothing but mischief in this whole system of legislation, an ! I would much rather, gentlemen are going to legislate in that way that they would at once make a bold strike, and take the head of the Executive off. (Cress of "Good" and "Let us understand the matter." Laughter.) We have no interest in the Execu-Languler,) we have no interest in the least. two on this s de of the Hou-e-not the least. (Renewed laughter) He is not the man of our choice; we did not put him there. (Clapping of hand-.) We do not claim any benefits under aim, and certainly we did not receive any in the hate campaign. (Renewed laughter.) We never took him up, and we, therefore, had no right to drot him. There was no necessity of our aroping that which we had never taken up. We never took him up, and he never took us up. It is true, whenever he ran into our line of policy, we were bound to sustain him; but we never pretended to shoulder that which this radical party has put into power. To do so would destroy any party in the world. (Roars of laughter.)

SEWARD AND STEVENS .- It is said that Secretary Seward called on Thaddeus Stevens at his rooms last evening, and had a long private interview. Everybody in Washington is exercised to knew what it means, as Seward and Stevens have not been on friendly terms for years.

THE Senate Committee on the D'strict of Columbia propose to amend the suffrage bill for the District so as to require all voters to be able to read the Constitution of the United States, and to write their own names

ADJOURNED .- Both branches of Congress have adjourned over till Monday to allow the Committees time to work in preparing legislation.

RECENT despatches from Minister Bigelow, in Paris, indicate that all danger of a collision between the French Government and our own has passed.

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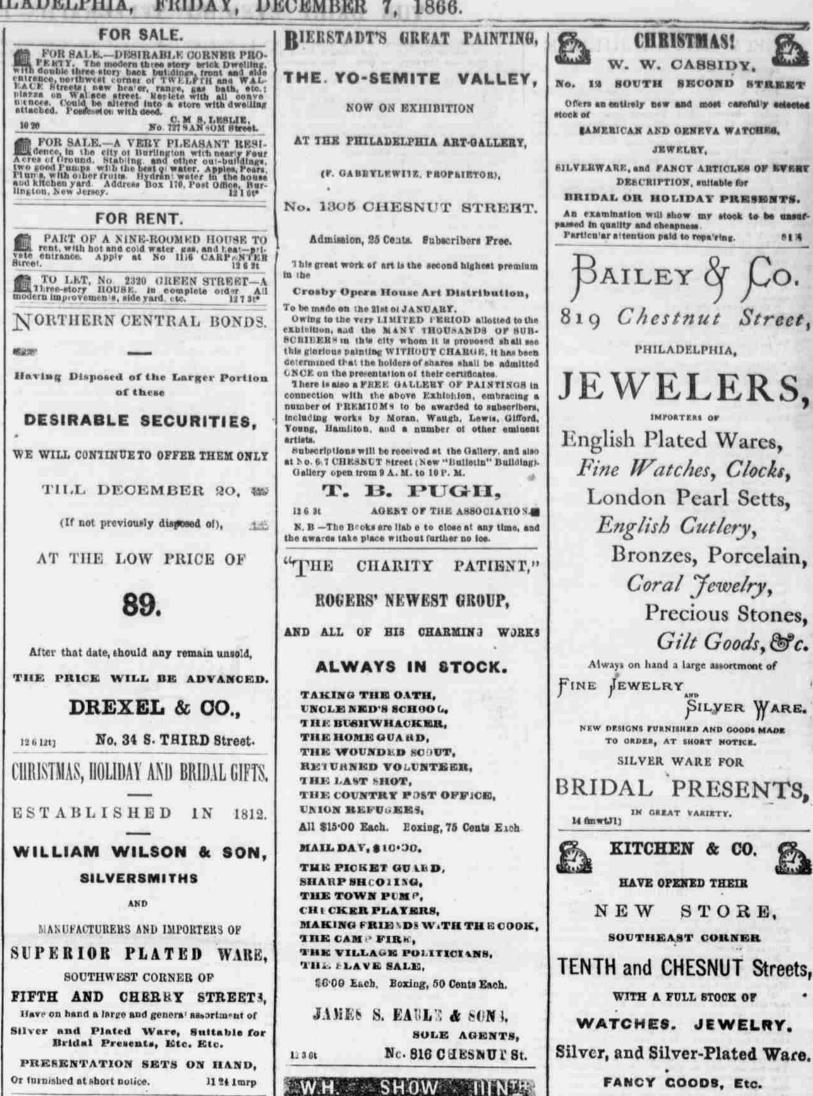
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Pride and Poverty.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 6.-Colonel Leach, Chairman of the Communice on the Constitutional Amendment, reported in the State Senate to-day adversey to the ratification of the amondment, Both Houses of the Legislature have resolved unanimously to accept the proffer of assistance made by the Freedmen's Bulcau to the destitute whites and blacks.

-The pride of the chivalric Southern heart is too great for it to submit to the degradation of adopting the Constitutional amendment-a provision at once most magnanimous and just. But while we of course admire the hauteur which will refuse humility, yet it strikes us, good, honest souls, that there is a slight inconsistency in unanimously accepting Northern charity and feeding on Northern alms, when they will not assent to any of the requests of the donors. Think how badly the North would feel, if both its amendment and its bread were to be rejected! For the glory of pride, we hope that hereafter both Northern aid and Northern propositions will be treated with scorn by our Southern neighbors.

THE law authorizing the payment of "loyal" slaveholders for their slaves who enlisted in the Union army, is very likely to be repealed. It ought to be.

THE probabilities are that Nebraska and Colorado will both be admitted as States during the present session of Congress.

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