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The Passage of the suffrage
Is tbe Senate, yesterday, the debate on the
District of Columbia Suffrage bill was continued. The amendment allowing women to
vote having been defeated, Mr. Dixon's amendment, to insert as a qualif catlon that no one wio has not heretofore voted shall be
allowsd to vote unless be can read and write his name, was next taken up. Mr. Foster, or
Connecticut, made an elaborate speech in
favor of the amendment, giving the usual arguments in faveror of intelligence as a quall cation tor the exercise of the elective fran
Mr. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, made
an able speech in opposition to tae amendment, and in favor of the original bill. He aid that ii the suffrage were qualifled, as pro he negro from learning to read and write, so as to keep him from the ballot. Ir it was
universal, the people would be driven to the ducation of the negro, to make him an inteligent voter.
Mr.Wison,
that the pracifical efficacy of the amendment would be to retard the cause of edueation who, could read and write were allowed to ote, the enemies of the colored men would iven them to learn to read and write. Le incentive to education, and it would be an Reetriction of suffrage wocratic, not a democratic, idea. If the negroes Letcher would be found attempting to prove hegro. They would make affldavits that they are related to them; that the same blood runs
in their vens that courses through the veins of the black man. No doubt the Democrats
vould ret a great many votes from the black mon, if the Democrats treated them botter
than the Republicans, and he hoped they Mr. Hendricks, of Indiana, made a speech,
the substance of which was that, while he would not like a test of intelligence to be applied to Democrats in Indiana, he would be very glad to
impose it upon the colored people of the Disimpose it upon the
trict of Columbia.
ill, on the great principlended the original ments derive their power from the consent o were averned, and that the the cornment. The peoplored
wein people or the District had shown themseves
loyal and intelligent; they aad furnished
more men than the white inhabitants for the more
army.
Mr debate, opposing the amendment. He Hesaid:-
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 Mr. Dixou's amendment was then defeated

 Mr. Yates, who would have voted n As paired with Mr. Johnson.


 gressional proceedfings, published in another column. Its chief feature is that it conters the right of suffrage upon all male persons
over twenty-one yea-s of age, born or natu ralized in the United States, except paapers criminals, persons under guardianship, and persons who may have ooluntarily given aid
or comfort to the Rebels in the late Rebellion.
The passage of this bill by the Senate marks
an era $n$ our history. It is a return to the
fot princter first principles of republican government-a
complig bacct ot the old foundations of true
democracy It means that aristorracy has
had its day in our country and that from had its day in our country, and that, from
this tume forward, the peopel, the whole
people, and not privileged classes, are to
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Mr. Howk yesterday in'roduced
Mr. Howk yesterday in'roduced in the
Senate a resolution directing the Clerk oi that body to prepare for publication a volume containing the colonial charters, and
the various State Constitutions of each State of the United States, together with all amendments thereto at any time in force, arranping th
each Sta.e.
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IEvery person who has had occasion th
 such ais is contemplated above; and we hav
often wondered thate some enterprtsing pub
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 It provides that official notice of the adop-
tion of the finendment by tion of the fmendment by the States shall be
sent to the Secretary of the Senate and to the Clerk of the HHuve of Representatives,
Instead of to the Secretary of State, as here tofore required, and that, , spon recept t by
these two oflicers of of oflelal hese two offlicers of offlicial notice from three-
fourths of the Statee that any amendment
bas been adopted, the President of the Senste
 tatives shall forthwith cause publication of
the same to be made in the newspapera the same to be made in the newspapors
authorizcd by law to promulgate the laws, with their joint certificates, that such amendment or amendments are valid to all intents
and purposes as a part of the Constitution or and purposes as a
the United States
The object of this bill is to leave the determination of what are states in the Union,
capable of acting upon a Constitutional amendment, to officers chosen by Congress,
and not to the Secretary of State. We think and not to the Secretary of State. We think
a more direet and satisfactory method of reaching the same end would be for Congress itself to openly declare what number of States now constitutes the "three-fourths"
necessary to adopt an amendment to necessary to adopt an amendment to the Con-
stitution, and then direct the officer or oflcers whom it may designate for that purpose,
cer on the receipt of notice from that requisite number of States of the adoption of the
amendment, to make offictal publication thereof. It is a matter for Congress alone to open and direct manner.
On Dri,- It is rumored, and apparently on
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