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| $\begin{array}{c}\text { What Next ? } \\ \text { THE refarence of the Stevens Reconstruc- }\end{array}$ |
| tion bill to the committee of that name, a day |} or two since will be followed, it is sald, in a or two since will be followed, it is said, in a

short tme, by a new bill reported from that
committee. Meanwhille, the Southern comommittee. Meanwhille, the Southern comaunities lately in rebellion have a still fur-
her opportunity to accept of the terms of ther opportunity to accept of het terms or
reconstruction offered by the nation in the
formof the Constitutional amendment. That form'of the Constitutional amendment. That
amendment was thorou ghly discussed before the people during the late political campaign, and recelved their overwhelming incorseIts adoption by the Soothern communutities
would involve no dishonor or degradation on heir part. There is no good reason why they aliould not adopt it. But if they reject not expect that the nation will be thwarted in
its purpose. people, demanding only what is just, are not
be defrauded of the proper fruits of the o be defrauded of the proper fruits of the
great struggle through which they have so great struggle rejocted, then reconstruction from the basis
must be commenced opened for the loyal people of the South, who
are now to a great extent disfranchised by the od Rebel element, to ereet legal State Constitution requires. Nobody pretends for
moment that the millary arrangements called State Governments, erected in the
South by the Executive, have any legality. hey exist simply by toleration. Congreas probably would, were the generous terms
held out by the Constitutional amendment to be accepted. But it they are rejected, then, mence at the very bottom. This is the conrightfully negiect. It is also the demand of the people. The "dead-lock" must give way. the battle and won the viotory. The Chinese on the Pacific Coast.
is common to speak of the Chinese inhabitante of California as an ignorant and de-
graded class, fitted only for the simplest kinds of labor. This is hardly correct. At the
great banquet in San Francisco on New line of steamers between that city and Cbina and Japan, a large number ore chinese mer-
chants were among the guests; and the twelfth regular toast-"The Chinese mer-
chants of San Francisco, our skillal competiworks ; may the Flowery Kingdom yet pro-
duce a China Aster"-was responded to in very satisfactory manner by Fung Tung, ot
the firm of Fung Yu \& Co. In his speech Pacific coast, engaged in all kinds o
business, many in mining and many in trade and commerce. He bimself had lived
in California for ten years, and had been in business as a merchan all which the Cainese
spoke of the kindness with when
merchants had been treated by the other merchants and business men of San Francisco, and predicted that with the establishment o
the steamship line to Ohina and Japan, and the completion of the Pacific Railroad, that
ity would become one of the largest in the world. His speech was delivered in English,
he speaker having been taught to read an write that tongue, as he himself remarked, b the Rev.
China.
Such an incident as this shows that we need
have little fear that our Pacific coast will be On the contrary, it alfords us good ground to
 What Is Liberty? LibERTY is the regular and orderly admin
latration of law," says the New York $E x$ press. This definition well expresses the idea
of liberty entertatned by a large class of our conservatives. In their view, there are no human law, and waich it is the proregular and orderly administration or law it the only conception of liberty they are able
to form. Such a conception never yet made to form. Such a conception never yet made
a patriot, though it has made thousands of

True liberty ls not inconsistent with law but it requires that the law shall be just,
The regular and orderly administration of knjust law is the essence of tyranny. Human rights exist betore human law, and are inde-
pendent of it. The proper province oflaw is to protect these rights ; and when it does so, th people who live under it enjoy libert.
Sue passenger cars to run on of the Sabbath cano up in the State Senate yesterday, when, aftet considerable debate, the bill was referred
to the Commiltee on Vice and Immorality. to the Committee on Vice and Immorality.
There can be but little doubt in regurd to its ate. The committee are almost a unit tic opposition to the proposed Innovation, and will report adveraely on it, if they report at all. Our own opinion ts that the bill will nat

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 They get floored in every contest thay makewith the radicals. During the late quarrel in Lamheette county, the conserratives procured
the arrest, under the Oivil Highte bill, of
Colel Colonel Montgomery, the commander of the
millitia sent by Governor Fletcher to pat
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down the bubwhackers in the Colonel was relensed from the
hood. Tis hood. The Colonel was relensed from the
costody of the United states Marshal by
Judge Kerkel, of the United States Dittrict Jugge Kerkel, of the United States District
Court, on the ground that the Olvil Righta bill was intended to afford protection to freed-
men who had been slaves, and did not inelude; white citizens; and that if it wore other-
wise, there was no evidence adducel to wise, there was no evidence adduced to show
that any rights ot the complainants had been invaded by the defeadant, or that the courta
at Ialian at Lafayette were not open to afford them
redress, Wasm liarly Ameriean Fnstitutions, - The promiscuous
reception, is now fally under way reception, is now fully under way at Wash-
ington. Night after night for two months January and February, do the high officials and leading citizens extend universal hospi-
pality to all. The receptions of Speaker Colfax are the centre of attraction. Last winter
those of the French Minister wre those of the French Minister were notable
for the aristocratic bearing of democracy and the exclusiveneas of a monarchist.
Towards the end of the month the season
ceases. It is calcolited ceases. It is calculated that the aggregate
who attend the receptions during a winter season reaches nearly finy thousand Trivialiry. - We hope the Senate will
not adopt the resolution of Mr. Summer
calling for the name of the person Who wrote
the abusive letter to Mr. Seward in regard
to Mr. Motley. We agree with Mr. Davis, that the subject is uttarly below notice, and too trivial to demand the notice of the Senate.
The fame of Mr. Motley does The fame of Mr. Motley does not rest on a
foundation so precarious that anonymous foundation so precarious that anonymous
serbblers can injure it. The Senate had
better reject Mr. Cowan and let the matter The House yesterday passed the Con-
sular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, without appropriations for the missions to Portugal and Rome, and with an amendment
providing that after the present fiscal year the latter mission. We are heartily rejoiced
that the House has thus protested against one of the notorious and worat abuses of our
diplomatico ssytem, and that th. mintarr
an nome nas been practically and perma nently abolished.
Collector of the Port.-The rejection of Collector of the Port ot Philadelphia ha
of left that poilition vacant; and if we may be lieve the reports which come to us, William
Harbeson, Eeq., will be his successor. Mr Harbeson has been for some score of years
conneceded with the Cuatom House, which is a
recommendation, but he has always been recomm bitter Democrat, which, however, i
a very
the present condition of the Administration appears to be his principal claim to the posi Constiturtional Amendment.-We see
that the House of Representatives at Harris-
burg has retused, by 57 to 17, to sustaln previous question on the Constitutional debate will be allowed. Filty-seven member
have speeches to get off, and are opposed to
mmediate legislation. If any of these gent men have anything new to say, they ought to be tolerated, but if they only repeat old
campaign harangues, as they will do, we favor The previous question.
Tre Lrbraby in Washington contains about 6000 volumes. Many of these books
are drawn out by the soldiers stationed about the city, and by the colored people and thos aboring among them, especially the teachers
in the public sehools. More good books are needed, and Congress may well aid the cause or intelligence by an appropriation. There is an occasional gleam of ligh
along the Southern horizon. The body or ang the southern horizon. The body Representatives of Alabama have passed a bul to establish a system of publlic schools
for blacks and whites alike, except that the schools for each shall be separate in eaci
school district. Rewarded.-James G. Bennett, Jr., has
been presented with a gold medal for playing the flunkey. He has also had an audience with the Emperor Napoleon, for risking the
lives of his crew in a foolhardy eaterprise Virtutus fortuna comes. KANBAS leads the column. Her Houne
of Representatives has just passed a ioint resolution, by a vote of 56 to 15, stril
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