THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH.-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1867.



 York; Orisis. Iowa; James W. Patterson, of
Herlan, of Iow Hampehire; and Justin S. MMorril, of
New
Yermont. Senators Davis, Howe, Sherman Vermont. Senators Davis, Howe, Sherman,
Trumbill. Pomeroy, and Nye have been re-
elected elected.
Te. new House of Representatives, as far
as elected, stands 127 Republicans to 38 as elected, stands 127 Republicans to 38
Democrats. Eighty-nine of these are mem-
bers of the present House. Among the naw bers of the present House. Among the naw
members are such men as Generals Bytler,
Logan, Washburne, and Dodge, and Mesers. Judd, Blair, Covode, and Van Wyek; while
among those who retire are Kasson, sill among those who retire are Kasson, stillwell,
Hubbell, Delano, Farquahr, Kuykendall,
Latham, Whaley, and Raymon, Hubbell, Delano, Farquhar, Kuykendall,
Lathm, Wbaley, and Raymond.
Mesers. Morrill, Pattersen, and Conkling, of the present House of Representativens, take
seats in the Senate on the 4th of March. Senator Poland goes to the House.
As a body the Fortie Chi Congress will be an abler one than is the Thirty-ninth. Some of
the etrongest men in the nation will be among
its members, and it will people as the latest representative of their
peill.
with will come fresh from the Proposed Removal of the Naval A cademy
Ox motion of Geeneral Schenck, of Ohio, the
House of Representatives esterday, by the
overwhelming vote of 108 to 35 , adopted the and being poesengsed of of to roe hund and write, and
filty dollars' worth ol property, and then for
苃 fitty dolars' worth of property, and then for
the President to recommend these resolutions
to the new Congress, which assembles on the to the new Congress, which assembles on the
fourth of March next, as a basis of recon-
struction, Instead of the pending ConstituIf this scheme. means to make the above
tionaction, insteant of the pending Constituqualifcations truly impartial - that is, to
apply them to all voters within the late Rebel States-then a long step may at once
be made towards a satisactory adiustment
of our present difflculties, But if it menns of our present difficulties. But if it means
that they shall be applied only to the popula-
tion or African descent, white others who can neither read nor write, and who do not
own two hundred and fifty dollars' worth of property, are to be allowed to exercise the
elective franchise-in other words, if a dis-
tinction in political rights is to be made on account of race-then the scbeme amounts to
but very little, and will not satisfy the public
mind. Practically it would exclude almost mind. Practically it would exclude almost
the entire colored population from the ballot-
box, and that, too, under circamstances of hardship and injustice. Just escaped from a
Hife-long bondage, in which they were denied
lill all means of education, and every possibility ingly unjust to require of them alone both
knowledge and wealth as a prerequisite to
the exercise of the elective tranchise. Still, as we have before said, we welome
this indication that the South is willing to do
something. "It is the first step that costs." We cannot expect the wide chasm which
separates the ideas of olavery and full politi-
cal enfranchisement to cal enfranchisement to be crossed at a leap.
The prejudices of a whole generation cannot
be changed in an lnstant. We must rejoice at the first faint streaks of dawn that break upon
the blackness of night. The morning does
not come all at once, but when the light
begins to break then we know that the mornbegins to break then we know that the morn-
ing is at hand.

## Fouler particuiars in regard to the newly proposed scheme of reconstruction show it to consist of a proposed amendment to the Con.

 consist of a proposed amendment to the Con-stitution of the United States, providingUnion or be ejected trom it, or deprived of its the public debt shall remain inviolabie, and
no debt incurred in aid of insurrection against the Unlted States shall be pald by
the general Government or by any State;
then in the United States shall be citizens both of the Slates and the nation, and shall bo en-
titled to the equal protection of the laws; and fourthly, that the basis of representa-
tion ln any State that denles the right of suffrage to any of its citizens on account of tude, shall be reduced by the number of the entire class thus excluded. Furt her, it is
proposed that the Constitutions of the States lately in rebellorge to all male citizens of full age, not now entitled to the same,
who may be able to read and write, or who shall be possessed of two hundred and fifty dollarg' worth of taxable property.
This cheme, it will be seen, comprises most of die features of the amendment now proposed, except that one depriving certain
classes of the late Rebels from holding office. It also adds some features peculiarly its own, such as that rele
pulston of States.

The Fortieth Congress.
AT the close of each Congressional term one will, therefore, be the case on the 3 d of March next. The electlons for the vacancles thos made have all been held, we believe, and the
result ts that in the Fortieth Congress the result is that in the Fortieth Congress the
Senate will consist of forty Republicans and Senate will consist of forty Republicaus and
twelve Democrate and Johnsonites. The Senate now stands, Republicans, thirty-eight political changes are, Cowan (Democrat) of








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