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THE ELEOTIONS. Tue elections yesterday exhibit a series of
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haring been effected in some quarters and
Domoocratio gains in others. Most of the Domocratio gains in othors. Most of the
former are attributable to the enfranohise-
ment of the oolored voters, but in some looalities other caruses diminiishod the Demo-
eratic vote, and the result, as a whole, is decidedly favorable to the Repnblican party.
Its continued ascendancy in the National House of Representatives in assorod, even
if all the States yot to elect should Bend solid Demooratic dologations. Tho $\begin{aligned} & \text { The } \\ & \text { Ropublican majority will not be loss than 50, }\end{aligned}$, Republican majority will not be loss than 50,
and, giving the Demoerats the beneit of all
doubts, it will probably be 55 , go that the doubts, it will probably be 5 , so that the
Republicans have wou a deeisive triumph in will nevertheless be ar reduction in the Re-
publican majority of 45 in the Forty-second Congroess as eompared with the Forty-first;
and the Demoerata, thongh sady disappointed, can console themselves with the re-
flection that they have destroyed the ascendlection that they have destroyed the ascond-
anyo of toothirds which has so long been
maintained, and cot down the Republican ma. jority nearly one-half. The most brilliant Republioan trinump bas
been won in New Jersey. We soarcely know
whether we are to attribute this gratifying rosther we are to attribute this gratifying
result to the patronage lavished upon that State, to the Presidential sojournings at Long
Branch, to the enfranchisement of colored voters, Democratic divisions, or to superior
Republican management, but at all ovents In Now York city a largo diminution of the
Democratio majority has been effected by the Democratio mnjority has boen effected by the
prevention of fraud, but it still reaches tho prevention of
imposing figure
in the rural dist in a largo degroee, to thion easolossios of jarring
Republican factions, and the unavailability of the Republican coandidate for Governor,
Gava Republicien gains in the city being counterbalanoed by Republican lossos in the interior.
In Massachusetts the regular Republican tiokets have received more votes than last
yoar, despite the erratio performancos of
Wendell Phillips; and the Gnibernatorial aspiWendell Philips; and the Gubernatorial aspi
rations of that; shining light of modern De
mocracy John Quincy with as little favor as in former contests. Little Delaware still belongs to the Sauls-
burss, who have extended their loase of away from the polls. There is a good deal of countios of the Blae Hen's Chickens, and if
they do not speedily mend their manners few of the Repabilican townships manners an-
caster county should talke them in hand, and teach the brutal barbarians who resort to
mob violence on elaction day that this is the
nineteenth century now a land of liberty.
In Lousisiana, and especially in Now
Orleans, large Repablican gains are reported. Soven companies of regulars, with two Gat-
ling guns, secured peace and order in the
Southern metropolis, and the honest men of single aot of violonce is reported,
Even in benighted Kentucky few faint stroaks of light begin to dawn. Hasvy
Democratio losses are reportod, and it is pos.
sible that the Republicans have elected ene WCONSTITVIIONAL CONV ENTION.
Wruserxa a government fails sto serve tbe
true purposes of its creation, one of the most
obvious duties of the paople whose interests remedy. That the governmont of the Com-
monwealth of Pennsylvanis, as administered under the present Constitution, is a lament-
able failure is admitted by all who havo at heart the welfare of the State, and the reform
efforts made from time to time have been so spasmodio and ineficectual that we must evi-
dently sink deeper and deeper in the slougho of legisative corruption, repacity, and imbeci-
lity until a thorough revision of the Constipublic who wero liberal principles prodicted that frequent
remodellings of the State Constitutions wonld remodelings of the stale constitutions woald
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time to time would be developad; and this time to time would be developed; and this
prediction has been verifed by subsequent events. We believe that Jefferson thought
that such changes should generally bo in Pennsylvania we have now suffered more than thirty years to elapse without oalling a
Constitutional Convention, and we are paying at this moment a heary penalty for this ne--
gleet. The time has now arrivad, however when the public imperatively domand that
their best citizens shall assemble in council and with the aid of ant the ligmelled freedom,
the events of the events of the last thirty years, ou
the fundamental principles of State ment. The radical changes made is the Na-
tional Constitution, the numerous reforms made in the constitutions of sister States,
and the deplorable workings of our own syytem, all unite to impress patriotic Pennsylvation in this Commonwealth. When that convention meets the whole subject of reforn
in all its ramifications, will be brought up consideration under auspicious circa
stances, and every good man will
 of the Commonwealth. The legislators who
negleet this duty themselves will have no exeuse for failing to give the poople an oppor-
tunity to have it discharged by a convention tunity to have it discharged by a convention,
and we trust that a general disposition will be manoifested among them to thus transfer it to

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sion by Senator Connell-deserves attention It will be seen that it provides for minority
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from such counties as Berks. Other bills will
also perhaps be submitteil to the Legislature


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