

CITY INTELLIGENCE. THE RELIGIOUS AMENDMENT.

The Constitutional Recognition of the Almighty—A Convention to Favor the Proposed Amendment. For two or three years past there has been agitated the passage of an amendment to the National Constitution recognizing Almighty God as the Ruler of the universe and the Christian religion as the true basis of all human government.

"There is no political document so all-important to the American people as the American Constitution. All laws, all customs, all forms of administration are shaped by it, and every citizen in the remotest degree is affected by it in the remotest degree as to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, it is tested by it, and stands and works only as it agrees with it, and its molding power is felt. The President, the Congress, and the Courts are coming more and more into evident agreement with it, and its molding power is felt. The President, the Congress, and the Courts are coming more and more into evident agreement with it, and its molding power is felt.

The National Association which has been formed for the purpose of securing such an amendment to the Constitution as will remedy this great defect, invites all Americans to meet in Convention at Concert Hall, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

The convention was attended by a large number of delegates, and there were present clergymen representing various religious denominations in this city. Among the participants were quite a number of ladies, who appeared to take a deep interest in the proceedings.

Mr. John Alexander, of this city, called the convention to order, and nominated Dr. James Edwards, of Baltimore, for temporary Chairman. Mr. Edwards was thereupon elected.

Mr. Edwards stated the object of the meeting, and read the call under which the convention had been convened. The same gentleman opened the proceedings with prayer.

Rev. Mr. Westman, of Illinois, was chosen Temporary Secretary. Rev. T. P. Stevenson, of this city, moved for the appointment of committees on enrollment and nominations. Agreed to.

After the appointment of these committees, addresses were made on the subject of amendment to the Constitution. The convention will continue in session during Wednesday and Thursday, and addresses of special interest may be expected at the evening session.

THE DEMOCRACY. The Wire-pullers for 1871 Elected. The following are the names of the select of the Democracy of Philadelphia who are to represent it in the coming State Convention to nominate candidates for Auditor and Surveyor-General:—

SUPPOSED INFANTICIDE. Coroner's Inquest on the Body of the Infant Found in the Baltimore Depot.

The inquest in the case of the infant found dead before yesterday in the stink of the waiting room at the Baltimore depot, was commenced at noon to-day by Deputy Coroner Sees, at the new Morgue, Noble and Beach streets. The inquest was to have been held at noon yesterday, but was postponed, all save the examination of Dr. Shapleigh, on account of the absence of the prisoner, a woman who had been in the waiting room a few minutes previous to the discovery of the body, who is supposed to be the person who put the child where it was found, but not the mother.

The following testimony was elicited:— Officer Murray (No. 91, First district) sworn—Testified that he had seen the woman Miss Connel, who had been pointed out to him by some children as the one who had left the child in the stink which they had just discovered.

George W. P. Curtis (the hackman) sworn—Testified that Miss Connel asked the way to the ladies' sitting room, which he directed her to; did not see any bundle in her hand or under her arm; saw her afterwards in the custody of the officer.

Clara Bennett, aged fifteen, sworn—Testified that she was on a visit to the Deaf and Dumb Asylum and stopped in the depot to get warm; Miss Connel came in and sat beside witness and asked if there was a water-closet in the room; she went into the closet and returned; she saw another person in the depot before she saw Miss Connel walk in, but she was in the depot when the arrest was made; she was waiting for the 7 o'clock train; was next at the depot before.

Mary Hughes sworn—Testified to finding the bundle in the depot; told a lady in the waiting-room (Miss Sherry); thought it was a baby's napkin; was never at the Baltimore depot before.

Elizabeth Sherry sworn—Testified that she was sitting in the depot reading when the girl Clara Bennett, calling herself Annie Jordan, told her there was a bundle in the closet; she went to the closet, Mary Hughes, calling herself Susie Martin, had found it; Mary Hughes ran after a woman who had just gone out, and said that she had left the child; spoke to the woman, who appeared to be under the influence of liquor; the woman said that she had a child, and that she had grown-up children of her own.

Clara Bennett, recalled, said that she did not give her right name to Miss Sherry because she was afraid they would put her in the asylum; did not know they were not at work until they came home about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

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THIRD EDITION. MATTERS AT WASHINGTON. Corruption in Indian Affairs. The Resistance of Paris. The Parker-Welsh Investigation. Horrors of the Bombardment. The Brooks-Hastings Case. MATTERS AT THE CAPITAL. It Goes by Default. The Old and New Tariff. Regulation of Railway Rates. An Earthquake in Connecticut.

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Mr. Dawes replied that the gentleman might think this a subject of no importance whatever were it not for the fact that along the coast of New Jersey and New York and of the British American possessions it was a matter of very vital importance. Fish was a source of food for the people, the demand for which was daily increasing.

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THE MUSKET. Shooting Affair at Chesnut Hill.

An affair occurred at Chesnut Hill last night which in all probability may result in the death of one of the participants. At about 11 o'clock James Savage and John Fitz Henry became involved in a quarrel in a tavern at the above-named place and high words passed between them.

FROM WASHINGTON. The Reported Cholera in Mexico.

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FROM EUROPE. The Resistance of Paris.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(Special to the N. Y. Telegram).—The Parisians are determined to resist the Prussians en masse, should Trochu allow the enemy to enter the city.

FROM NEW YORK. No Cable News to-day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—No news has been received by cable to-day. The latest advices from London to the press bear date of 3 A. M. the 17th.

FROM NEW YORK. The Old and New Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Mr. Sherman to-day in the Senate, from the Finance Committee, reported adversely Mr. Conkling's bill relative to goods purchased for importation prior to January 1, 1871, allowing them to come in under the old tariff.

FROM NEW YORK. An Earthquake in Connecticut.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 18.—A despatch from Laconia reports a shock of earthquake at 7:30 o'clock this morning, which made a deep, heavy, rumbling noise. The shock or explosion was also felt at Lake Village, and was so severe as to jar houses, shake crockery, etc., and start logs from the ice in the bay.

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PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE. Senate.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 18.—Mr. Petriken introduced a bill fixing the number of directors of the Sunbury and Lewistown railroad at seven, and fixing the second Tuesday of February for the election. Passed.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE. House of Representatives.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 18.—On motion of Mr. Stone, so much of the Governor's message as related to the harbor of Erie was sent to the Appeal Committee.

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