

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 this nation as that which shall amend the Constitution of the United States. All law, all customs, all forms of administration are shaped by it."

The above call was signed by Hon. William Strong, of the U. S. Supreme Court; by Governor Geary, of Pennsylvania; Governor Stewart, of Vermont; Governor Harvey, of Kansas; Governor McCullough, of Missouri; ex-Governor Jewell, of Connecticut; Amos A. Lawrence, Esq., of Boston; Jay Cooke and the late Stephen Colwell, Esqs., of Philadelphia; Felix R. Bruno, Esq., of Pittsburgh; Bishops Melvill and Hartington, of the Episcopal Church, and many others.

The convention was attended by a large number of delegates, and there were present clergymen representing various religious denominations in this city. Among the delegates 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.

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 following testimony was elicited: Officer Murray (No. 34, First district) sworn—Testified that he was the person who found the child in the waiting room, and that he was the person who carried it to the morgue.

Clara Bennett, aged fifteen, sworn—Testified that she was the person who found the child in the waiting room, and that she was the person who carried it to the morgue.

Mary Hughes sworn—Testified that she was the person who found the child in the waiting room, and that she was the person who carried it to the morgue.

Elizabeth Sherry sworn—Testified that she was the person who found the child in the waiting room, and that she was the person who carried it to the morgue.

Clara Bennett, recalled, said that she did not give her right name to Miss Sherry because she was afraid that she would be arrested.

At the close of the testimony the prisoner was discharged. The coroner's inquest was adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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The latter became exasperated at the conduct of Savage and seized a musket which stood in one corner of his room; he raised the window and fired at him, the load from the weapon striking effect in the neck and shoulder.

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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.

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The House then proceeded to vote on the amendments to the Legislative Appropriation bill. The amendment for paying J. W. Douglas, late acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the salary of Commissioner for November and December last was agreed to—yeas, 91; nays, 89.

Mr. Sargent introduced a bill to enable the people of Utah to form a Constitution and State government, and for its admission as a State into the Union. Referred.

Mr. Daves, from the Committee on Appropriations, asked leave to report a joint resolution for the appointment by the President of a commissioner of fish and fisheries, to be selected from among the chief officers of the Government, of proved scientific acquaintance with the fish of the coast, and to serve without additional salary; whose duty it shall be to prosecute investigations and inquiries with a view of ascertaining whether any diminution in the number of fish on the coast of the United States has taken place, and if so the causes thereof, and what preventive, prohibitory, or precautionary measures should be adopted in the premises.

Mr. Daves 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.

Mr. Beck offered an amendment prohibiting the making of any contract with the Indians for commission or compensation for services in regard to the sale of their lands, or the obtaining of annuities, etc. He remarked upon the injustice constantly perpetrated on the Indians in that respect.

Mr. Sherman, 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.

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