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### DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

HARRISBURG, PA., January 18, 1867.  
The Democratic State Convention, Pennsylvania have fixed WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, as the time of their meeting at Harrisburg, as the place for holding it.

It is ordered that this convention be composed of one member for each Senator and Representative, and they will meet at the time and place appointed, and for the election of Auditor General and for the offices of Auditor General and Surveyor General of selecting Delegates to the National Convention, and for the election of Delegates to the Convention for President and Vice President.

The members of the convention of the organization of conservative citizens who can unite with us in support of the constitutional principles of our party, and the delegates from their respective districts.

By order of the Democratic State Convention.

G. O. DEENE, Secy.

MR. STEVENS on introducing a bill not many days since in the House, said he had no hesitation in acknowledging that "they were acting outside the Constitution in many respects." It had become too old-fashioned for the requirements of that progressive age." Such a remark from such a quarter suggests several queries. In the first place, where does Congress get its authority to act "outside the Constitution?" If Congress may act thus, at its own discretion, why may not the President also? Both derive all their authority they have, both, indeed, derive their official existence from the Constitution; "outside" of it there can be in this country neither President nor Congress. Then, again, if the Constitution is "too old-fashioned for this progressive age," why not call a convention to frame a new one, or propose amendments to be acted in the way pointed out by its provisions? Or does Mr. Stevens think that the idea of having constitutions which can restrain the action of governments, or departments of governments, is "too old-fashioned for this progressive age?" His action, and the character he ascribes to the action of Congress, seem to indicate that this is his view of the situation.

THE SUCCESS of the Constitution over its enemies has been, as everybody has noticed numerless times, indicated with curious accuracy by the barometer of the Gold Market. In view of this little fact—by no means a strange one when we consider the intimate relations between political permanency and commercial prosperity—it is interesting to note that at the close of 1862 gold stood at \$33; at the close of 1863 it ranged at \$15; at the close of 1864 it was \$27; at the close of 1865 it called for \$45; at the close of 1866 it was \$33; and at the end of the year just closed it was tolerably stable at \$33—but that in the mean time it had run up to an average standing of \$39. In the bare fact that the rebellion has laid down its arms, the Republic is confessedly stronger—otherwise we are back again in the fluctuating tides of 1863. Why is it?

ANOTHER PARDON.—At the late term of the Cumberland county court a woman named Mag Miller was arraigned for keeping a disorderly house, selling liquor on Sunday and to minors, plead guilty, and was sentenced to sixty days' imprisonment. Certain parties undertook to procure a pardon from Governor Geary for the gay and festive Margaret, and last week succeeded, notwithstanding a large number of the best citizens of Carlisle remonstrated against it.

So the Governor still stands up bravely for his friends. Nice Governor! consistent Good Templar! Promoter of good morals! P. John's pet paragon Hessey that "the law is faithfully executed and upheld, don't he Palemon? Nobody shall break 'the laws' while he is Governor."

It looks a little as if the Constitutional Convention of Georgia would be called on to part with one of its members, Mr. Bradley, colored a lawyer from Boston, who has hitherto played a very conspicuous part in the work of Southern reconstruction seems in some danger of coming to grief. Bradley, in his message to Gov. Geary, in his message, expresses against the inanimate remains of Southern soldiers who lie within Antietam cemetery, was dated the 14th instant, and did not reach the President until five days after its date. The letter was unsealed, and came through Grant's hands, and went through the mail to the latter as your correspondent is informed. Why this circuitous route to the White House, and in care of Grant, is left to inference; but the purpose of Sherman in this particular is supposed to be to permit General Grant to know all that is passing in the South, and correspond with the Executive. Your correspondent has the letter of Sherman to the President, and will probably bring it in a bill to abolish that instrument. Why not?

WASHINGTON correspondent of the Commercial says that the proposed legislation concerning the Supreme Court is "sealed for the discovery that five of the eight Justices now on the bench of the Supreme Court are of the opinion that much of the legislation or reconstruction is unconstitutional." Instead,

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