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REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

At the charter election held in the city of Des Moines, Iowa, on Monday last, the entire Republican ticket was elected by three hundred majority, being a gain of over five hundred since last fall.

NEWS!

The Philadelphia Sunday Republic states that it is rumored that Gen. Fisher intends removing to Kansas at the expiration of his present term in the State Senate.

GOOD!

It is said that Secretary Seward has granted leave of absence to several of our Ministers abroad, and among them one for Beverly Johnson, who, it is understood, desires to return to the United States for a short time.

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

As the time for the holding of the Spring Elections is rapidly approaching, the Republicans should, in every district, keep in view the great importance of securing a majority of election officers.

ORDER NO. 1.

Yesterday General Grant moved on the enemy's works at Washington. He occupies the White House, taking care to protect his rear by confiding his late position to the personal direction of Lieut. General Sherman.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PASSED BY CONGRESS!

Both Houses of the National Legislature have finally adopted the proposed constitutional amendment. The vote in the Senate stood 30 yeas to 13 nays, and in the House 143 yeas to 43 nays.

The bill including the amendment, reads as follows:

Be it enacted, etc.: two thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, and when ratified by three-fourths thereof, it shall be a part of said Constitution.

The Legislatures of twenty-eight States must ratify it before it can become a part of the Constitution. We trust a measure so just in itself, and so necessary to the full and lasting restoration of harmony in the country, as this amendment, will not have to wait long for the approval of the requisite number of States to give it validity as a part of the Constitution.

QUID.—A lot of Small Hill Potatoes are in the market—for sale very cheap. For particulars, call at the office of the Manheim Sentinel.

WONT WORK. The bill offered in the Legislature to pay all costs on the docket of the Quarter Sessions, since 1865, out of the County Treasury, spoken of by our Harrisburg correspondent last week, is attracting considerable attention on the part of the people.

INFAMOUS. Braine, the rebel pirate, who went on board the steamer Chesapeake with a number of others, bound from New York to Portland in December, 1863, rose and killed the Captain, and took possession of the vessel, and who was subsequently captured, and has been in prison ever since, has been pardoned by President Johnson.

THE FACTS. Congress has distinctly specified how a certificate of election to either of its branches shall be drawn and what it shall set forth. It has, furthermore, forbidden the Clerk to put on the roll before the organization the names of any persons who do not present such certificates.

THE CITY TREASURY STEAL. In our local columns will be found a history of another raid upon the Treasury of the city of Lancaster. The good people of this city can now see why the Copperheads prevented the organization of the Select Council last spring.

INFAMOUS CONDUCT. The Harrisburg State Guard of Wednesday says: Some miscreants, who are deserving of the severest punishment if detected, have cut the telegraph wires on the lines belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad, including those of the Pacific and Atlantic Company, leading to this city, and placed the public and companies to serious inconvenience.

THADDEUS STEVENS. Mr. A. H. Hood, of this city, has written a letter to the Religious Telegraph in reference to the charges of immorality that have been brought against the character of the late Thaddeus Stevens. After premising that, owing to his bitter hostility to freemasonry and to slavery, Mr. Stevens was fiercely and undeservedly assailed, but that his innate sense of dignity caused him to let the slanders pass unnoticed, Mr. Hood says:

Forney's Press made its appearance on Monday last, in a new and beautiful suit of type. We are glad to see this evidence of the continued prosperity of this first-class paper.

NEAR THE GRAND FINALITY! The final passage of the Constitutional Amendment by the two Houses of Congress, granting universal suffrage in every State of the Union, and the well known determination of President Grant to urge its speedy ratification by the States, warrants the belief that before the close of the present year, this great, all-important and most glorious Republican measure will be a fixed fact.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE IN EVERY STATE OF THE UNION—in South Carolina as in Massachusetts; in Texas as well as in Vermont; in Pennsylvania, in Kentucky, in Ohio, in old Virginia and even in Delaware of Sausbury whisky and whipping post notoriety! What a glorious country we will have, very soon!

DEMOCRATIC BROTHERHOOD. The Democratic portion of the great American family are as harmonious now, in their political obscurity, as ever they were whilst in the full enjoyment of power and responsibility.

DOCTOR GATCHELL ONCE MORE! The irrepressible Dr. Gatchell has written another letter, which appeared in the Examiner and also in the Express on Wednesday last, in which he says that Hon. E. Billingsfelt did say to him that more officers were needed to expedite the business of the Legislature, notwithstanding Mr. Billingsfelt's denial about four weeks ago.

QUERY. If it takes Dr. Gatchell and the Thug "ring" four weeks to deny a statement made by Mr. Billingsfelt, how long will it take them to prove that the people of Lancaster county ought to send the Dr. back to the Legislature?

DEMOCRATIC MISREPRESENTATION. In an article on Legislative extravagance, the Doylestown Democrat (Cop) publishes last year's list of officers of the House, and says:

CRIMINALS. To-day four degraded negro pirates will be hanged at Princess Anne, Somerset county, Maryland, for the capture of an oyster schooner on the Chesapeake and the murder of its captain.

COPPERHEADISM! The report of the Committee of Congress which investigated the New York election frauds, has just been given to the public. The corruption unearthed is actually astounding.

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OUR HARRISBURG LETTER. HARRISBURG, March 3, 1869. Dear Father Abraham: The Legislature has adjourned over until Monday, 8th inst., to enable the members to visit Washington during the inauguration ceremonies.

GRANT AND COLFAX INAUGURATED. We are able to give our readers the following particulars of the Inauguration ceremonies received up to the time of going to press yesterday afternoon:

INAUGURAL ADDRESS. FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES: Your suffrages having elevated me to the office of President of the United States, I have, in conformity with the Constitution of our Country, taken the oath of office prescribed therein.

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WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP. Several parties, entertaining hopes of receiving appointments to office here and elsewhere, under the incoming administration, have already commenced vigorous campaigning in support of those anxieties.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP. The number of contested election cases before the next House of Representatives will be unprecedented. Already notices have been received indicating that the number exceeds twenty, and others are known to be in preparation.

WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP. It is threatened, we understand, on the part of the House at Harrisburg, to compel the Senate to adopt the resolutions of the 17th ult., relative to the discharge of the twenty-seven additional officers and their payment to that date.