

REPUBLIC FREE.

Yes, THE REPUBLIC FREE. In fact up to the period when the present War was inaugurated by slaveholders, this country was but a Republic in name. More than half its territory was slave, while the slaveholders' whip cracked not only on its plantation, but in its halls of legislation. During two thirds of the time we have been a nation, the slaveholders have ruled us, while they held a majority of the offices, civil and military, to the gift of the people. The Republic stood at the breaking out of this War, half free, half slave, with the immediate power in the hands of the enemies of freedom. Today, thanks to the late election, and the Thirty-ninth Congress, stands free, except in Phase I. On Tuesday last the House passed the resolution to amend the Constitution as it had passed in the Senate, the following amendment to the National Constitution:

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The vote on the final passage, was, yeas, 119; nays, 72. To make up this majority, a number of patriotic Democrats voted with the Republicans. Long after the close of the day, the miserable partisans of this day, are forgotten, the honored names of the men who rose above party claims, will be remembered with gratitude. They are JOSEPH BAILEY, of Ohio; JOHN W. WELLS, of Michigan; ALBANY B. COFFRINO, of Pennsylvania; JOHN B. GANSON, of New York; JOHN A. GRISWOLD, of New York; JOHN G. HECHLER, of New York; WELLS A. HUTCHINS, of Ohio; AUSTIN A. KINSO, of Missouri; HENRY H. HARRIS, of Pennsylvania; HOMER A. NELSON, of New York; JAMES S. BOLLENS, of New York; JOHN R. STEEL, of New York; JOHN W. WELLS, of New York.

The entire vote on this important division, was as follows: YEAS—119. (In small circles.)

As the Amendment is fully sanctioned by Congress, it now goes to the Legislatures of the States, three-fourths of which must ratify it by a majority vote to render it a part of the Constitution. It is expected that an early day by the Legislatures of the following States, is nearly certain:

- MAINE, INDIANA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, ILLINOIS, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, OHIO, WISCONSIN, CONNECTICUT, PENNSYLVANIA, NEW YORK, MISSISSIPPI, KENTUCKY, ARIZONA, WEST VIRGINIA, OREGON, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, KENTUCKY—3.

These being the States that voted for McClellan and Legislature, electing Opposition Legislatures. The Royal Legislatures of the following States will almost certainly vote Yes: TENNESSEE, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, MISSOURI, MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, FLORIDA, MISSISSIPPI, ALABAMA, GEORGIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, FLORIDA.

We hope to be able to announce before the close of the year, that the last formal step necessary to make Liberty the fundamental law of the land, has been taken. In the midst of the great rejoicing that welcomes the passage of the Amendment, it will be well prepared, to let the miserable minority that opposed, remain for the judgment of posterity. Coming generations will look upon these men as worse than the traitors and cowards of the Revolution. They will be remembered as the men who, in their opposition at this time to the progress of Freedom, and restoration of the Union with slavery abolished. We personally desire no interference with them. We would wish contact with them, even as we would avoid them. They will be remembered as the men who, in their opposition at this time to the progress of Freedom, and restoration of the Union with slavery abolished. We personally desire no interference with them. We would wish contact with them, even as we would avoid them.

Local Affairs.

Weekly Almanac.

Table with columns for dates and events. Includes dates from 1865 to 1866 and corresponding events like 'The 1st of Feb. is the day of the year when the sun is nearest to the earth'.

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