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FOR A CONVENTION

TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION

To raise the above Banner, and intend fighting it out on this line.

We propose in the Constitution, increasing the number of Representatives to 400, and Senators 100, limiting the Session to 40 days with pay at $6 a day—the Representatives to be elected from single districts throughout the State.

Also a general law for all corporations beyond the limits of individual enterprise, and no special laws.

All corporations with an income not exceeding $25,000, to be taxed by the county.

For the balance of the business of the State, 40, and in part 60 days, would be sufficient for all the legislation the people require. This is the only plan to break up the present corrupt system, because large bodies in short sessions are not so liable to be corrupted.

NEW YORK.—JAMES B. WATTS, Room No. 4, 167 Broadway, Parmley Buildings, New York City, is authorized to receive subscriptions for the MINERS' JOURNAL and also to collect bills for the same.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.—We trust that those of our subscribers who are in arrears, will permit the respective amounts at their earliest convenience. Our cash payments for labor, paper, etc., are continuously heavy in the publication of the JOURNAL, and subscribers knowing themselves indebted, will confer a favor by complying with our request.

READING has fifty-three physicians.

WATCHES, Jewelry, &c., suitable for Holiday Presents. See card of Isaac K. Stauffer in another column.

RIDICULOUS.—Andy Johnson's alarm and cowardice at the existence of a few negro soldier companies in Washington. His Accidency may be a Jack—he is certainly not an Ajax.

An exchange says: Thirty thousand young men in Ohio last year, promised to love, honor, and buy "things" for thirty thousand bright-eyed girls, and the thirty thousand girls blushed and whimpered, and said they never could get through the ceremony, and very quietly accepted their destiny and on the whole rather like it.

THE great old Commoner, Thaddeus Stevens is rapidly to'tering to the grave. His friends fear that he will not survive during the coming Winter. In his death the country will mourn the loss of a truly pure and incorruptible statesman, and one of the strongest intellects of the age.

ANDY has confidently informed that ubiquitous fellow, Francis McCloskey, of New York, that he does not aspire to another term in the White House, but will be satisfied to undergo the shelving process, provided some respectable party takes up and endorses his policy. He cannot bear to go down alone into the dark depths of a political grave.

THE National Republican Executive Committee will meet in Washington city on the 11th of December, to decide upon the place of holding the next Presidential Nominating Convention. It is generally conceded that the West will be chosen, and a lively competition has sprung up between Cincinnati and St. Louis. Next the question of fixing a place, the most important subject before the committee, will be the time for holding the Convention.

THE Democrats throughout the country in their conventions refuse to endorse Johnson in their resolutions, whereat Andy is exceedingly irate. His chances for a nomination to the Presidency are daily growing smaller and beautifully less. He is friendless. The Democrats cast him aside—the Republicans loathe him—and what is there for him to do but imitate Judas?

NEW PATENT STEAM AND HYDRAULIC PACKING.—This packing made by the American Packing Company, No. 1 North street, this Borough, is made of the best material. It is light, durable and uniform, of all sizes required to suit the stuffing boxes of an engine or pump. It is used like any ordinary packing and requires no oil. The testimonials in regard to its efficiency are numerous.

THE CROPS.—The yield of wheat in the United States this year, excluding the Pacific States and Territories, is estimated at 225,000,000 bushels. This is the heaviest harvest ever gathered in this country. It will surmount the figures of last year by 50,000,000 bushels. The aggregate yield of oats, it is estimated, will exceed two hundred and eighty millions of bushels—about three per cent. above that in 1866 The estimate of rye for all the States, excepting those on the Pacific, is twenty-one million bushels. This is an increase of four per cent. over the products of last year. The barley crop is slightly deficient—about half a million bushels, or four per cent., as compared with the crop of last year. There is more than an average crop of beans and peas. The quality of corn, says the New York Shipping List, is uniformly good, leaving no doubt that the value of the entire crop, after deducting the deficiency in the Ohio Valley, and allowing for an increase in almost all the other States, will be greater, not only in cash, but in the intrinsic life sustaining and pork producing power, than that of last year. The buckwheat crop will scarcely be equal to that of last year. The crop of potatoes is a poor one. A decline in the tobacco product is indicated in the principal tobacco growing sections. Louisiana the only State producing cane sugar to any extent, reports an increase of twenty per cent. over the small yield of last year. The cotton returns of October indicate a considerable increase in South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama; about the same yield as last in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee, and a marked diminution in Texas and Louisiana. All the estimates below 2,000 000 of bales of five hundred pounds each are decidedly fallacious, while present indications favor an approximate to 2,500,000 bales.

THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

Recognizing the fact of the advantage of having connected with the Treasury Department a Statistical Bureau, so that the suggestions to Congress of the Secretary might be based upon an intelligent appreciation of the capacity and wants of the country, it was established, with Dr. Wm. Elder, an eminent statistician and correct political economist at its head. The Department in his hands worked well and satisfactorily. Unfortunately for the continuance of such a state of affairs, Dr. Elder was not an admirer of "My Policy," which becoming evident to his sagacidency when the Doctor declined delivering public speeches in its support, he made the position so unpleasant for the Doctor that he was compelled in self respect, to resign. Dr. Elder's successor was Mr. Alex. Delmar, who still holds the office. We have before alluded to this gentleman's incompetency to discharge well and faithfully, the duties of the position, and pointed out the glaring errors in his statistics. The matter has likewise attracted the attention of leading and influential journals elsewhere, the editors of which unhesitatingly, condemn Mr. Delmar as incapable of filling the position satisfactorily of Government Statistician.

The importance of this office to the Treasury Department, when filled by a capable man, is very great, and we trust for the welfare of the industrial interests of the country that steps will be taken to remove Mr. Delmar and put in his place a competent person. We do not suggest that Dr Elder be reinstated, although a more competent gentleman it might be difficult to find, but we do suggest that somebody who can fill the position credibly be selected to succeed Mr. Delmar.—We have no personal hostility to Mr. Delmar. He may be an unexceptionable gentleman, in all the ordinary relations of life. He may, and probably, does, endeavor to discharge the duties of Statistician faithfully and well. But it is painfully evident to every observer that he continually blunders in his work, and is incompetent.

If no change should be made by the Secretary of the Treasury in the management of this Department, so that the statistics of the country can in the future be depended upon, Congress should at its coming session withhold the appropriation necessary to keep it in existence. The value of statistics depends upon their correctness, and to be put in possession of erroneous information of this kind is more injurious than to be put in possession of none at all. But we hope to see this Department improved in the accuracy of statement, in which it is now so badly lacking.

$8,819,190.

This is the value of Iron and Steel, and manufactures thereof, alone imported into the United States for the four months ending August 31st, 1867. During this period many of our iron works were standing idle for the want of adequate protection. What a difference it would have made if this product could have been produced at home. It would have given employment to our laborers at better wages, and its production would have consumed a HALF MILLION ADDITIONAL TONS OF COAL, which would have materially helped the coal business also.

GENERAL GRANT.

The popular heart beats warmly for Gen. Grant. All know and appreciate the fact that after years of disaster and defeat in the field, he organized our brave armies and conducted a series of campaigns which resulted in the entire defeat and overthrow of the rebel forces. Unquestionably, to him more than to any other single man, is due the comparatively early crushing of the Rebellion—For his great and important services many feel that he should be called to fill the Presidential chair. They have so expressed themselves here and elsewhere, in public meetings and by resolution.

Our position on this question may be briefly stated. We are actuated solely by principle. We believe that the purest, best, and most beneficial principles of national policy are advocated by the Republican party. We desire that the candidate of that party at the next Presidential election shall stand fairly and squarely upon its platform. We believe that Gen. Grant is in accord with the Republican party, and as soon as it is rendered certain by his own expressions of opinion, that he will accept the nomination of the party and support its platform of principles, we will yield to him our hearty, cheerful support.

Judge Wade and other leading men of the Republican party, express the utmost confidence in General Grant, while it is confidentially asserted that his testimony before the Congressional Investigating Committee, will convince every doubting man of his endorsement of the principles of the Republican party.

It may be premature occupying the position that General Grant does under the Government, for him to express himself more explicitly at this time, on political questions, but we trust that the time for such expression may not be long delayed, for there is no man we would support more zealously and heartily, for the Presidency, on the Republican Platform, than General Ulysses Grant.

PEN, PASTE AND SCISSORS.

☞ There is sleighing at Bangor.

☞ Raisins are being made in California.

☞ The meteoric shower was grand at Paris.

☞ The yellow fever continues at Memphis.

☞ The meteoric shower was very fine at California.

☞ Edwin Forrest returns an income this year of $25,000.

☞ Internal revenue receipts last week were $2,050,000.

☞ Foreign imports last week at New York, $3,649,482.

☞ The cane at Porto Rico was destroyed by the hurricane.

☞ The Prince of Wales was 27 years old on last Saturday.

☞ Gen. McDowell is examining the military posts of Arizona.

☞ The Florida election has resulted in favor of the Convention.

☞ Edwin P. Whipple is to write the life of Clever or Andrew.

☞ The Independent made $40,000 during the year ending October 1.

☞ Brigam Young has fifty more wives than the Sultan of Turkey.

☞ The male of the noted Azteo children died recently in Charleston.

☞ Receipts of customs from November 1st to the 9th were $3,366,990.

☞ Clever pickpockets are said to be the best men to dis-perse a crowd.

☞ Gen. W. Walker, of Danville, Va., was robbed on Sunday night, of $32,600.

☞ A. T. Stewart brought home from France a $7,000 carpet for his house.

☞ The Crown Princess of Prussia gets his wife to write his speeches for him.

☞ The whisky tax in Great Britain is $2 50 per gallon, and it is detested.

☞ In Paris, every winter, half a million of pates-de-foie-gras are eaten.

☞ Trichinæ has appeared in St. Louis, and has proved fatal in two cases.

☞ More people are out of employment in Philadelphia than there were in 1857.

☞ Charles Dickens will commence his readings in Boston, early next month.

☞ 60,000 lives are annually destroyed by intemperance in the United States.

☞ The Chicago Republican has cost its proprietors $190,000 above receipts.

☞ Dore has Marshall's portrait of Lincoln in that place of honor in his studio.

☞ The Bucks County Intelligencer has put up a new Hoe press at a cost of $4000.

☞ Three hundred and twenty-five German newspapers are published in Europe.

☞ Alex. H. Stephens will deliver a political speech in New York early in December.

☞ A young girl was found in the streets of Buffalo, suffering from delirium tremens.

☞ A whole family were burned to death in their beds in Montreal, on Saturday night.

☞ Hostilities have been renewed in Crete, owing to the failure of the Turco-Greek convention.

☞ Increased steam facilities have been provided for the transportation of cotton at Charleston.

☞ Rev. Newman Hall, D. D., of London, delivered four sermons in Philadelphia on Sunday last.

☞ The wife of William H. Reed, Esq., of Philadelphia, died suddenly on Friday, at Chestnut Hill.

☞ The Dublin Fenians, when sentenced, claimed the protection of the American government.

☞ Ericsson, the inventor, has contributed $20,000 to the fund for the famine sufferers in Sweden.

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☞ An Irish friend suggests that the Roman movement must be a popular one, because it is the Papal riding.

☞ A propeller laden with wheat was burned at Buffalo on Sunday. The loss was $150,000: insured for $94,000.

☞ Deerfoot, an Indian, who ran a race in Detroit last week, made a quarter of a mile in one minute and a quarter.

☞ The United States are to pay, it is said, $11,500,000 for the Danish West Indies, or $7,500,000 excepting Santa Cruze.

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☞ But one of the Manchester (England) rioters will be hung. Two of the Dublin Fenians were sentenced on Saturday, to death.

☞ A boy named Fitzgerald was murdered at Providence, R. I., Tuesday, by another named Cilly, over a game of marbles.

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☞ The Russian Imperial Family at the Paris Exhibition which he claims can be used also as bed, bureau, washstand and book-case.

☞ R. Soullliare, Esq., was shot by J. M. Ruth, in St. Louis, on Saturday, in a local conflict. Domestic difficulties caused the assault.

☞ The registered voters of Georgia number 188,517. The white vote for it was 96,160. The white vote for it was 86,500.

☞ Gunning accidents are unusually numerous this season. Most of them are the results of carelessness in the handling of firearms.

☞ A Frenchman is said to have been in jail eighteen months at Richmond, without trial, on a charge of passing a counterfeit bank note.

☞ Forney's Press has concluded "Norwood" in the New York Ledger, but will continue to be a regular contributor to that journal.

☞ Miss Emma Kelsa, daughter of Mrs. Kelsa, was injured and a servant girl killed by the explosion of a kerosene lamp at St. Paul. Others were injured.

☞ The old building in Philadelphia, corner of Third and Library streets, formerly occupied by the Ledger, is now offered for rent at $10,000 per year.

☞ A young lady of Boston, upon leaving a concert pronounced the Twelfth Massachusetts a fine production. She meant Mozart's Twelfth Mass.

☞ The French Expeditionary Corps are going into winter quarters at Civita Vecchia, in Italy. Gen. Dumas succeeds Marshal McMahon in Algeria.

☞ A journeyman mason in London killed himself the other day, in despair at the discovery, the day after his wedding, that his wife had a glass eye.

☞ On Saturday night the Treasurer's office in Gallatin, Mo., was entered by burglars, and robbed of $4000 in county warrants and $25,000 in greenbacks.

☞ Miss Annie Dickinson is to make her first appearance on the stage in the part of Donna Volante in "The Wonder," at the Boston Theatre in February.

☞ Lewis A. Ramson, hack driver, has been arrested, charged with being accessory to the death, by abortion, of Mrs. Cynthia Newton, at Worcester, Mass.

☞ Wendell Phillips says that we must have a candidate for President "whose record is as bold as the Declaration of Independence, and as clear as the Ten Commandments."

☞ A gambler named William Carson has been sentenced in a Philadelphia court to six months' imprisonment, for following the trade of robbing people by means of cards.

☞ Moses L. Moses, book-keeper of the New York County Bank books, committed suicide on Saturday. He was 70 years of age, and had been employed in the bank for eighteen years.

☞ The Judiciary Committee have postponed their investigation into the affairs of the government of Maryland to the beginning of December, in order to continue the impeachment investigation.

☞ Herman Schwartz arrived at Richmond, the other day, from the Wilderness, and was tempting to pass a twenty dollar Confederate note, not knowing, it is said, that the war was over.

☞ There is enough iron in the blood of forty-two men to make a ploughshare weighing twenty-four pounds. So whenever you want a ploughshare all you have to do, is to melt down forty-two men.

☞ The establishment of a National School of Mines is to be proposed in Congress at the coming session. About $10,000,000 per annum are to be saved by a more scientific system in the working of ore mines.

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