

The Press.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1865.

We can take no notice of anonymous communications... Voluntary correspondents are solicited from all parts of the world...

The Constitutional Abolition of Slavery.

Yesterday will forever live among the annals of freedom. Slavery, the curse of American civilization, the cause of the war, the victim of the war, is now not only abolished by military necessity, but prohibited by law...

Not a Slave 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 its jurisdiction.

Into the Constitution will pass with these emphatic words a new inspiration, and no one can foresee the vast results of good that will follow the declaration. The passage of this amendment makes the discussion of the constitutionality of the Emancipation Proclamation unnecessary...

The vote in the House yesterday was a triumph for that little party which, thirty years ago, declared the Constitution to be a covenant with hell, though the truth of this sweeping assertion was not admitted by the amendment. It is a triumph for the American people, for the Administration which was elected to resist slavery in 1860...

THE SOUTHWEST.

The Rebel Armies no longer armies, but famished mobs. Priests Army Completely Demoralized—General Hood's in No Better Condition. Cincinnati, Jan. 31.—Authentic advices received here from Galveston contain the reports of the complete demoralization of the late Gen. Priests Army...

THE PEACE RUMORS.

Nothing yet confirms the report that peace commissioners from Richmond are on their way to Washington. The reports are printed to-day give color to the probability that the visit of Mr. Blair to Richmond is to have the courtesy of a return. Even though ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, Vice President of the Confederate States, should be present...

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

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