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tion of the United States is never to be amended, and cannot be amended, I ask why a provision was inserted therein providing for its amendment?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Hasty amendment or alteration of the law is not to be deprecated, and much more so when the amendment is unconstitutional change of the Constitution itself, which is the fundamental law. But we have lived to little purpose, sir, if we have not discovered that all human laws are imperfect and continually require to be amended! The first Constitution adopted by the United States was the Constitution of the Confederation. It lived but a few years, when in 1789 it was superseded entirely by the new Constitution of the United States. That Constitution, in the form in which it was framed, lasted only till 1795, when it was amended. It was again amended in 1803.— And now, sir, we are told that this Constitution is an instrument so sacred that it is never to be amended. I dissent from all such opinions. We are to amend this Constitution whenever the necessities of the people require it, and whenever new emergencies arise for which that Constitution provides no adequate vision.— This is the present situation. We are standing now with a vast territory in our hands, not sufficiently under the protection of the Constitution, by very many persons held to be totally without the provisions of the Constitution; those persons believing that the Constitution never was intended to apply to the territories, never did apply to the territories, and that we are living now in constant violation of Constitutional provisions, by every law which the Congress of the United States, the United States, if the principle is to be adopted that the Constitution of the United States applies to the territories at all.

Now, Sir, I am one of those who advocate a settlement of this question. In the last campaign the claim of the Republican party was that the course which they were pursuing would settle this question forever. I am now in a position to say that it is not so.

Now, Sir, the Dred Scott decision, on which I had occasion to make some remarks a short time ago, is now, by the construction of the Supreme Court, applied to every foot of the territory of the United States, and carries slavery into it all. Are we of the North to say that we will quietly submit to such a construction of the Constitution of the United States, and ask no amendment? I say, sir, that if that be the law, if that be the construction of the Constitution of the United States, it is time, for the protection of the North, that that instrument be amended. The necessities and the sentiment of the people of the North will require such amendment. I need not reiterate thereasons why I do not now hold that Dred Scott decision to be the established and settled judgment of the Court. But, sir, we stand in danger that the North will be the last to amend this Constitution will be construed to carry slavery into all the Territories. Are we then to let ourselves hand and foot, and say that, in consultation with the other States, we are not to be permitted even to propose amendments?

Now, sir, when we send this Commission to Washington for the purpose of consulting upon national affairs, I am opposed to withholding from their jurisdiction a power of consultation on this great matter which they are to have before them. Their action cannot effect any alteration of the Constitution; they can simply propose alterations for consideration. This Council of Commissioners will not be empowered to act in any authoritative capacity, but simply to consult and ascertain whether the conflicting views of the country can be harmonized.

For one, I do object to any limitation of the powers of these Commissioners by which they may be prevented from considering this subject in all its bearings. If, in the course of their consultation, we discover that they are not following the indications of sentiment of this State, or of this Legislature, we can instruct them at any time. Why should we now, in the very first instance, in the appointment of this Commission, tread them in a way which must of necessity greatly embarrass their action, and which may perhaps totally defeat the very object which we have in view in appointing them.

I am, therefore, in favor of the amendment which proposes to strike from the resolution that portion which must justly be construed by the Commissioners as an instruction which will prevent them from entertaining any proposition for the alteration of the Constitution.— Mr. GARDNER. For information of members I will read that article of the Constitution which relates to the mode of amendments.—

“Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution, or, on the application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a convention for proposing amendments; which in either case shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution, provided that the number of three-fourths of the several States, or by conventions in three-fourths thereof, as one or the other mode of ratification may be proposed by Congress.”

Thus we find it provided, that Congress shall propose amendments, or that the State Legislatures shall propose them. The proposition must originate either with Congress or with the Legislature of the several States, or it might originate in the first place, the necessary proposition coming from any other body; and we must admit that it is *extra* the Constitution.

Mr. SHEPPARD. I think the gentleman who has just taken his seat has made the strongest possible argument why the clause proposed to be stricken from the resolution is unnecessary. If a proposition for amendment, made by such a Convention as is here contemplated, is not legitimate under the terms of the Constitution, the Convention cannot prohibit the representatives from taking part in any such proposition for amendment.

Mr. HOFIUS. I am not, sir, one of those who are willing to take the position of being opposed, now and forever, to any amendment of the Constitution. But, sir, I am very free to say that I certainly would be opposed to any amendment to the Constitution at the present time. I am of opinion that if it should ever become necessary to amend the Constitution of the United States should be amended, such amendment should be proposed at a time when we can consider the subject carefully and deliberately. I do not wish that this sacred instrument shall be thrown open to amendment at a time when, with all its force, it is scarcely capable of sustaining or holding together this Government. I most certainly think that the majority of the members upon this floor are not in favor of any amendment at this time.

The gentleman from Lycoming (Mr. ARMSTRONG) has argued in favor of amending the Constitution at the present time, saying the effect of the Dred Scott decision. Now, Mr. Chairman, I am firmly of the opinion that it will require more than one amendment to get us out of the reach of the Supreme Court. In that decision, the Supreme Court has certainly shown a disposition to go far enough to overreach any amendment that this Legislature could propose to the Constitution at the present time. I am, therefore, in favor of amending the Constitution to get also out of the reach of the Supreme Court upon the subject of the extension of slavery into this Legislature, nor the Congress of the United States, are capable of traveling fast enough to accomplish that end.

feeling the doctrines which the Republican par-  
 ty intended to inaugurate in the election of a  
 President. I have taken a fair and unbi-  
 bold stand on the subject of slavery extension.  
 The people of the United States have given their  
 verdict on that subject. Now, sir, unless that  
 Republican party and its principles can be  
 overthrown, the subject of the extension of sla-  
 very is forever settled.  
 I do hope, Mr. Chairman, that whatever we  
 may be disposed to do, we shall at least be sat-  
 isfied with living under the Constitution as it  
 is.  
 Mr. TRACY moved that the Committee rise,  
 report progress and ask leave to sit again.  
 The motion was agreed to; whereupon,  
 The Committee rose and the Chairman re-  
 ported the same to the House; and,  
 On the question  
 Shall the Committee have leave to sit again?  
 Mr. SHEPPARD. I hope, sir, that the House  
 will not grant the Committee leave to sit again.  
 I should like to have those resolutions brought  
 up this evening on second reading. Gentle-  
 men can discuss them as well on second read-  
 ing as in Committee of the Whole.  
 The question, shall the Committee have  
 leave to sit again? was determined in the nega-  
 tive.  
 MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.  
 The Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth  
 being introduced presented messages from the  
 Governor, which were read as follows:  
 EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,  
 Harrisburg, Pa., JANUARY 30, 1861.  
 To the Honorable the Senate and House of Represent-  
 atives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:  
 GENTLEMEN:—The bill entitled "an Act relat-  
 ing to a writ of error in the case of Alexander  
 Guthrie and Hugh Maguire, Plaintiffs in error  
 vs. Samuel Wilson, defendant in error," was  
 presented to my predecessor on the 10th day of  
 January, and not having been returned within  
 ten days (Sundays excepted) after its presenta-  
 tion, it has become a law according to the Con-  
 stitution, in like manner as if I had signed it.  
 A. G. CURTIN.  
 Laid on the table.  
 EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
 Harrisburg, Jan. 30, 1861.  
 To the Honorable the Senate and House of Represent-  
 atives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:  
 GENTLEMEN:—I have approved and signed the  
 following acts of the General Assembly, viz:  
 On the 23d inst.  
 An Act authorizing the Governor to appoint  
 a notary public for the borough of Washing-  
 ton.  
 On the 24th inst.,  
 An Act authorizing the Governor to appoint  
 two additional Notaries Public, to reside in the  
 city of Philadelphia.  
 On the 28th inst.,  
 An Act authorizing the Commissioners of  
 Fayette county to pay for the arrest of Samuel  
 Ryser.  
 A supplement to an Act for the relief of Nan-  
 cy Lord, Nancy Williams, and others.  
 An Act to change the time of holding bor-  
 ough elections in the borough of Tamaqua,  
 Schuylkill county.  
 An Act to change the time of holding elec-  
 tions in the borough of Auburn, Schuylkill  
 county.  
 An Act relative to Treasurer's sales in the  
 county of Beaver.  
 On the 29th inst.,  
 A supplement to an Act to incorporate the  
 Tyrone and Clearfield Railroad company.  
 An Act relating to billiard rooms, bowling  
 saloons, and ten-pin alleys, in Centre county.  
 A further supplement to an Act relative to  
 the building of certain bridges over the Monon-  
 gahela and Allegheny rivers, opposite Pitts-  
 burg.  
 An Act to repeal and supply sections fourth  
 and fifth of an Act entitled, "An Act to appoint  
 a road commissioner, to take charge of a portion  
 of the Warren and Brookville, and of the War-  
 ren and Strattonville State roads, in Forres-  
 county," approved March 24, 1859.  
 A supplement to an Act to authorize the  
 county of Dauphin to borrow money.  
 An Act to repeal an Act relating to the sell-  
 ing of the repairing of the public roads in cer-  
 tain townships in Schuylkill county, so far as  
 the same relates to the townships of Rush and  
 Butler, in Schuylkill county.  
 An Act to incorporate the Weaver Skating  
 Club.  
 An Act to extend the charter of the Shor-  
 Mountain Coal company.  
 On the 21st inst.  
 Joint resolution to pay D. F. Hemperly for  
 services.  
 On the 24th inst.  
 Joint resolutions relative to the maintenance  
 of the Constitution and the Union.  
 On the 29th inst.  
 Joint resolutions to procure an American  
 Flag for the Dome of the Capitol.  
 Joint resolution relative to a tariff.  
 A. G. CURTIN.  
 Laid on the table.  
 The SPEAKER laid before the House the an-  
 nual report of the Western Penitentiary.  
 Also, the annual statement of the New  
 York and Erie Railroad company.  
 The hour of one having arrived the House  
 Adjourned.

**Miscellaneous.**

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Those who have injured themselves by a certain practice, in indulging in when alone—a habit frequently learned from evidence, and which is very common. Many of them, at night lie, even when asleep, and if not cured, renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body should apply immediately.

It is pity that a young man, the hopes of his country, the darling of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects and enjoyments of life by the consequences of deviating from the right path, and indulging in the Solitary Vice. Such persons must, before entering matrimony, be cured.

**[MARRIAGE.]**

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