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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1866.

Has the Constitutional Amendment been Proposed?

The opponents of the late Constitutional amendment which was adopted by the two Houses of Congress a few days since, base their hopes of securing its defeat on the alleged failure to secure the necessary two-thirds vote in order that it might be "proposed." The Constitution itself distinctly prescribes what is necessary to secure its own amendment. "The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution." The Age, yesterday morning, in treating on the subject, gives utterance to the following lucid argument:—

"The Houses are made up of Senators and Representatives from the several States constituting the Union. There are now thirty-six States, all of which, with the exception of Texas, are performing 'all their functions as States,' but they are denied by the radicals representation in the 'Houses,' to which is delegated the duty of proposing amendments to the Constitution. How, then, can the recent amendment be considered as 'proposed' to the States in a constitutional manner? It was not acted upon by two-thirds of both Houses, and hence is no more an amendment to the Constitution than if it had been proposed by the Legislature of a single State."

The assertion made in this extract is decidedly startling. There are "thirty-six States, but they are denied representation," is something new. We had fondly believed that Pennsylvania was represented, but if we can believe the Age to mean what it says, such a statement is denied. We will take it for granted, however, that it meant to say eleven States are unrepresented, and will glance at the rest of their argument. The great question rests on the word Congress. What constitutes Congress? It is necessary to have two-thirds of both Houses. Now what number of members go to make up each House? The Constitution expressly provides that a "majority of each House shall constitute a quorum to do business," and each House consists of the total number of members duly elected, and who have been decided to be duly elected by the House itself. The issue was started at the outbreak of the Rebellion, and was settled by a declaration that the members elected and admitted should be considered as the full House. Hence, it is really necessary that only two-thirds of the House, whenever a quorum is present, should adopt the amendment in order that it should be proposed to the States. Had this question been settled in any other manner, the wheels of legislation would have been clogged at the outset of the war, and not only could no steps have been taken to subdue, but all steps which have been taken are virtually illegal. "A majority constitutes a quorum to do business," to take all necessary legislation into its hands, including the revenue, the vetoes, and all the laws. The same experience occurs in regard to the passage over a veto as is found in the provision for amendments. Two-thirds of each House must assent; and as the President did not hesitate to acknowledge the Civil Rights law when it secured two-thirds, and as the Democracy and the Age did not hesitate then, what gross inconsistency it is now to make issue on what they have heretofore quietly assented to without debate! If it be true, as the Age says, that all the States must be represented, and that two-thirds of the whole number of apportioned districts, or two hundred and thirty-nine, must assent, how easy it becomes to stop the adoption of any amendment!

Under such ruling as this nearly every bill passed within four years will be illegal; our national debt is an unauthorized imposition, and its payment is not secured. Such must be the logical deduction. Again, if the Constitutional amendment was not legally proposed, then the Constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery was not; and even granting that the war power freed all in the Rebel States, yet we must return to bondage those of Delaware and Kentucky. It is well to look at the full effect of a principle before you favor it.

The Secretary of State, by transmitting to the Governments of the various States certified copies of the amendment, has officially proclaimed the fact of its proposal. The only question which yet remains is the probability of its adoption. The assent of twenty-seven States is necessary. The Age grants that twenty-two will ratify it, but is puzzled to know how we can secure the remaining five. We can, in addition to those granted us, count confidently on Maryland and New Jersey, while it is not impossible that Kentucky will also assent. We will thus have twenty-five at once, while for the remaining two we must trust to the advancement of the age, the same which has made Maryland and Missouri do in five years what, in 1860, it would have been ruinous to propose. Time and a sense of justice will secure the assent of all to anything that is inherently just.

THE COMING CELEBRATION OF THE FOURTH OF JULY.—The coming celebration of the Fourth of July promises to be one of the most notable ones ever held in our city. On that day our brave soldiers will give back into the keeping of the old Commonwealth their flags, riddled and torn by the storms of battle, and baptized in the blood of our bravest and best. The widows and orphans of the fallen will be there to see. It will be a spectacle such as will probably never occur again in the history of Pennsylvania. From present indications the attendance will be very large, and preparations for the celebration are being made on a scale of unusual magnitude.

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN!—FRANK BLAIR refused to take the voter's oath at a recent election in Missouri, whereupon his vote was refused, the same as any other man's would have been. FRANK sued the election judges for damages. The case has just been decided, and FRANK is beaten. What a contrast between the miserable, trifling business in which FRANK BLAIR is now engaged, and those former honorable labors of his in behalf of freedom in Missouri which lent such lustre to his name!

REBELS.—The "Conservatives," which means the Rebels, are said to have carried the Texas State election. Of course, if the Southern Unionists are to fight the battle with only a part of their forces, the Rebels will beat them every time.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, yesterday, passed the Senate bill amending the Pacific Railroad act, so as to allow the road to be located on the most direct route from Fort Riley to Denver.

LIKE OLD TIMES.—One Richmond editor, "armed and equipped," was looking after another yesterday. He had not found the object of his search at the latest date.

THE FIRST GUN!—The Connecticut Senate yesterday ratified the Constitutional amendment by a vote of 11 to 6. The House is sure for it. Good for old Connecticut!

THE SENATE passed, yesterday, with some amendments, the House bill for the continuance of the Bureau of Freedmen and Refugees.

EXTENSIVE SWINDLING OPERATION. Canadian Banks Victimized by a Yankee Begun Bank—\$200,000 in Profits Realized.

The particulars of one of the most gigantic swindling schemes ever concocted on the other side have just been revealed in this city. By the means of some of the most ingenious and bold swindlers of the age, a vast amount of money has been secured by the means of a scheme so simple as to be within the grasp of any man of ordinary intelligence. The swindlers, as it were, present a scheme so simple as to be within the grasp of any man of ordinary intelligence. The swindlers, as it were, present a scheme so simple as to be within the grasp of any man of ordinary intelligence.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES TO-DAY. Reported by DEHAVEN & BRO. No. 40 S. Third Street.

PHILADELPHIA TRADE REPORT. Wednesday, June 27.—The Flour Market continues very quiet, there being a total absence of any demand for shipment, and a limited inquiry only for home consumption; sales of 600 to 800 bbl. at 85-25¢ per bbl. for superfine; 400 to 500 for extra; 800 for Northwest extra family; 100 to 150 for Pennsylvania and Ohio do.; and 100 to 150 for fancy brands, according to quality. In the Flour and Meal market nothing doing, we quote the former at 85-25¢.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE. OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Wednesday, June 27, 1866. The Stock Market was exceedingly dull this morning; but prices, with one or two exceptions, continue steady. Government bonds are firmly held at the late advance. 5-20s sold at 103; 110s bid for 6s of 1881; 102s for 7-30s; and 96s for 10-40s. City Loans are unchanged; old City 6s sold at 93.

SPECIAL NOTICES. BROAD STREET ACADEMY, E. ROTH, M. PRINCE, Third Annual Commencement and Distribution of Premiums, take place at CORNELL HALL on THURSDAY, 28th inst., at 10 A. M. Admission 25 cents.

WINE OF TAR SYRUP, FOR COUGHS, Colds and Affections of the Lungs. This medicine is entirely vegetable, and affords speedy relief in all pulmonary diseases, such as Asthma, Spitting of Blood, Bronchitis, &c. Prepared only by HARRIS & OLIVER, Druggists, Southern Corner TENTH and CHESTNUT Streets, Philadelphia.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. NOTICE. ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY. On and after TUESDAY, May 1, the FREIGHT DEPARTMENT of this Company will be removed to the Company's New Building, E. E. cor. of LEY'S ST. and MARKET STS. Entrance on Eleventh Street and on Market Street.

THE CORNER-STONE OF THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, S. E. corner BROAD and JEFFERSON Streets will be laid on Thursday, the 28th inst. The services commencing in the chapel, at 5 o'clock P. M.

DRY GOODS. NOVELTIES IN SEASIDE SHAWLS.

EDWIN HALL & CO. No. 28 S. SECOND STREET, WOULD INVITE THE ATTENTION OF LADIES Who are preparing for Watering and other Places of Summer Resorts, to their LARGE VARIETY OF SUMMER SHAWLS, OF ENTIRELY NEW STYLES. (S14124P)

EDWIN HALL & CO., No. 28 SOUTH SECOND STREET, ARE NOW OFFERING THEIR FINE STOCK OF GRENADES, ORGANDIES, HERNANI BAREGES, LAWNS, BLACK IRON BAREGES, PERCALES, MATERIALS FOR SUITS, AND OTHER DRESS GOODS, AT A GREAT REDUCTION FROM FORMER PRICES.

CLOTHING. BARGAINS IN FINE CLOTHING. ROCKHILL & WILSON, "Brown Stone Clothing Hall," Nos. 603 and 605 CHESTNUT STREET.

NEW STOCK AT THE LOWEST PRICES. Having sold out our stock of Clothing or Gentlemen and Boys, carried over from the late fire, our entire stock of

FASHIONABLE READY-MADE CLOTHING IS THE NEWEST, As Our Prices are the Lowest. MAGNIFICENT SPRING STOCK Now Ready, to Suit Everybody.

CUSTOM DEPARTMENT. Our newly-fitted Custom Department now contains the largest assortment of all the fashionable New Fabrics for our patrons to select from.

SUITS, CIVIL AND MILITARY, MADE UP TO ORDER PROMPTLY. In the highest style, and at moderate prices.

Boys' Clothing. In this Department our Stock is also unrivalled, THE BEST IN THE CITY, At the Lowest Prices. Orders executed at shortest notice.

THE CHOICEST STOCK OF READY-MADE CLOTHING IN PHILADELPHIA. ROCKHILL & WILSON, "Brown Stone Clothing Hall," Nos. 603 and 605 CHESTNUT STREET

WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, Repaired and Warranted, at reasonable prices, at SMITH & BREEKE'S, S. E. CORNER TENTH and ARCH STREETS.

D. R. J. SOLIS CORNER HAS REMOVED HIS Office to No. 116 WALNUT Street. S 25 0P

SUMMER RESORTS. SUMMER RESORTS ON LINE OF Reading Railroad and Branches.

MANSION HOUSE, MOUNT CARBON, Mrs. Caroline Winder, Fottsville P. O., Schuylkill Co.

TUSCARORA HOTEL, Mrs. Hannah Miller, Tuscarora P. O., Schuylkill Co.

MAHANOY CITY HOTEL, G. W. Frost, Mahanoy City P. O., Schuylkill Co.

WHITE HOUSE, Mrs. Susan Marsdorf, Reading P. O.

ANDALUSIA, James S. Maffetta, Reading P. O.

LIVING SPRINGS HOTEL, Dr. A. Smith, Werderville P. O., Berks Co.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN HOUSE, H. B. Manton, Womelsdorf P. O., Berks Co.

COLD SPRINGS HOTEL, Lebanon Co., Charles Roedermel, Harrisburg P. O.

BOYERTOWN SEMINARY, J. R. Henck, Boyertown P. O., Berks Co.

YELLOW SPRINGS HOTEL, S. R. Snyder, Yellow Springs P. O., Chester Co.

LITIZ SPRINGS, Samuel Lichtenbaler, Lititz P. O., Lancaster Co.

EPHRATA MOUNTAIN SPRINGS, Alexander S. Feather, Ephrata P. O., Lancaster Co.

EXCURSIONISTS, TOURISTS, AND Pleasure Seekers NIAGARA FALLS, Lake Ontario, The Thousand Islands, Rapids of the River St. Lawrence, Montreal, Quebec, Riviere du Loup, Saguenay River, White Mountains, Portland, Boston, Lake George, Saratoga, New York, etc. etc. etc. will find it to their advantage to procure

THROUGH TICKETS, WHICH ARE SOLD AT REDUCED RATES AT THE TICKET OFFICE OF THE CATAWISSA RAILROAD LINE, No. 435 CHESTNUT STREET.

Passengers have choice of several routes to Niagara Falls, and Through Tickets are sold down Lake Ontario and River St. Lawrence, to Ogdensburg, Montreal, and Quebec, via the American and English Line of Steamers, passing the Thousand Islands and the Rapids of the River St. Lawrence by daylight, returning to New York or Boston by

FIFTY DIFFERENT ROUTES. These routes offer to pleasure seekers scenery unsurpassed in this country. No extra charge for meals or state rooms on steamers between Niagara Falls and Montreal. Tickets good until November 1st, 1866, and entitle the holders to stop over at any point on the route. For further information and Guide Books descriptive of the Routes, apply at the Company's Office, No. 435 CHESTNUT Street. N. VAN HORN, Passenger Agent.

SUMMER TRAVEL, Via North Pennsylvania Railroad, MOST REST AND MOST PLEASANT ROUTE TO WILKESBARRE, MAUCH CHUNK, EASTON, ALLENTOWN, BETHLEHEM, HAZLETON, AND ALL POINTS IN THE Lehigh and Wyoming Valleys. Commodious Cars, Smooth Track, Fine Scenery, Excellent Hotels, Are the Specialties of this Route.

Through to Wilkesbarre and Mauch Chunk without change of cars. The new road between the summit of the mountain and Wilkesbarre opens up views of unsurpassed beauty, and the new Hotel provides the best and most ample accommodations for summer visitors. Excursion Tickets from Philadelphia to principal points, issued FROM TICKET OFFICES ONLY, at reduced rates, on Saturdays, good to return till Monday evening. Excursion Tickets to Wilkesbarre, good for ten days, issued any day.

THROUGH TRAINS. Cars leave the Depot, THIRD and THOMPSON Streets at 9 A. M., 12:30 P. M., and 5 P. M. For particulars, see time table in another column. S 25 0P ELLIS CLARK, Agent.

COLUMBIA HOUSE, CAPE ISLAND, N. J., Opened on the 1st Day of June, 1866. GEORGE J. BOLTON, PROPRIETOR.

NATIONAL HOTEL, AND EXCURSION HOUSE, Atlantic City, N. J. The undersigned having leased the above favorite establishment, and having refitted and refurbished it throughout, it will be open for the reception of guests, on SATURDAY June 16, 1866. The table will be supplied with the best the season affords including Oysters, Fish, Clams, etc. etc., and none but the purest Wines, Liquors, Cigars, etc., selected for the banquet.

Committees of Excursions will find it the only place in the city where they can be accommodated, having the largest ball-room, and music tree of charge. J. WILLETT, PROPRIETOR.

LIGHT HOUSE COTTAGE, Atlantic City, N. J. JONAH FOOTTON & SON, PROPRIETORS, In an open lot for the season. The best location on the Island, being the nearest house to the surf. A continuation of past patronage is respectfully solicited. S 25 0P

CONTINENTAL HOTEL, LONG BRANCH, N. J. This new mammoth hotel, the largest in the country, is now open for the season. Accommodations for 1200 persons. Address SPRAGUE & STOKES, Proprietors. S 25 0P

THE ALHAMBRA, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—An elegant establishment will open for the reception of guests on or before the 15th day of June, 1866. S 25 0P ROBERT B. LEEDS, Proprietor.

SURF HOUSE—ATLANTIC CITY.—The undersigned having disposed of his entire interest in the above house to Mr. WILLIAM T. CALEB, would respectfully solicit for him a continuance of the patronage heretofore so liberally extended to the house. H. S. BENSON.

SURF HOUSE, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL, In Every Respect, IS NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON. ADDRESS, WILLIAM T. CALEB, PROPRIETOR.

UNITED STATES HOTEL, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Will open for the reception of guests on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1866. DODWORTH'S BAND engaged for the season. Persons desiring to engage rooms will address BROWN & WOELPPER, PROPRIETORS, ATLANTIC CITY, Or No. 277 RICHMOND Street, Philadelphia. S 25 0P

THE WARM SPRINGS, NEAR HUNTINGDON, Pa.—This delightful summer resort, five miles north of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Huntingdon, Pa., is now open for the accommodation of visitors. The location is beautiful, the water invigorating, fine grounds for hunting, driving, etc. etc. There is no more romantic spot in the country, and it is a healthful and sweet scenery especially desirable for the invalid. For particulars, address me at Huntingdon, Pa. W. W. J. OHSINGER, Proprietor.

References—Hon. William A. Porter, Colonel Charles T. Matthews, Sanson street baths; L. T. Watson, Esq., President Huntingdon and Broad Street Railroad Company; Colonel A. M. Chambers, Arm of Chambers & Cattle, No. 32 N. Third street; Charles M. Almond, Esq., Trustee of Huntingdon College. S 25 0P

BROWN'S MILLS BOARDING HOUSE. The former patrons and friends of the Boarding House originally kept by the Brown family at Brown's Mills, in the township of Emberton, county of Berks, and State of New Jersey are hereby informed that the subscriber is now ready to accommodate all who will favor him with their company. THOMAS SCATTERGOOD, N. B.—Stranger to the accommodation of passengers to and from Brown's Mills, will run from Pembrota to depot. JOHN HAVENS, Proprietor of Stages. S 25 0P

CONGRESS HALL, CAPE ISLAND, N. J., WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 1. There has been added to this popular House, since last season, the entire Ocean House property, giving an ocean front of over 1200 feet, and over 300 rooms, ironing and in full view of the sea. A perfect system of sewerage and drainage has been completed, a gas and water supply, and a large number of large cities. The appointments of the House throughout have received the most careful supervision, suggested by the experience of past seasons. For apartments, address Congress Hall, Hasler's Brass and String Band. S 25 0P

THE TAMMANY HOUSE, NORTH CAROLINA AVENUE, NEAR THE DEPOT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. The subscriber takes pleasure in informing his former patrons and the public that the above house is now open, where he will be happy to receive all who may favor him with a call. In connection with the Hotel, he has opened a FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM. ELIAS CLEAVER, PROPRIETOR. S 25 0P

MERCHANTS' HOTEL, CAPE ISLAND, N. J.—The subscriber having purchased the above well-known Hotel, and having refitted and refurnished it in the best manner, will be prepared to accommodate guests on or about the 15th of JUNE, and will be ready to receive personal attention, make the "MERCHANTS' HOTEL" a first-class establishment. We have engaged polite and attentive Waiters, and everything connected with the Hotel will be conducted in the best and most satisfactory manner. Excursion Tickets from Philadelphia to principal points, issued FROM TICKET OFFICES ONLY, at reduced rates, on Saturdays, good to return till Monday evening. Excursion Tickets to Wilkesbarre, good for ten days, issued any day. THROUGH TRAINS. Cars leave the Depot, THIRD and THOMPSON Streets at 9 A. M., 12:30 P. M., and 5 P. M. For particulars, see time table in another column. S 25 0P ELLIS CLARK, Agent.

WEST PHILADELPHIA.—PLEASANT SEPARATE FAMILY. Address "D. J.," this office. S 25 0P PLEASANT ROOMS, WITH BOARD, FOR THE SUMMER, at No. 1209 CHESTNUT Street (6-27-66)

FOR CAPE MAY. Tickets can be procured, and Baggage checked from dwellings direct to the Island, by application to Graham's Baggage Express Office, No. 102 South TWELFTH Street, One door below Chestnut. S 25 0P

A CARD. Special Notice to Our Old Friends and the Public Generally. The JONES' One Price Clothing House, established sixteen years ago, is still in successful operation at the old location, No. 643 MARKET Street, near the corner Sixth and has not changed its place or manner of doing business. The clothing is made to order, and is guaranteed for many years, namely, "One Price and no deviation." The clothing we make is of the most substantial character, both as to material and workmanship, so that our customers never can complain of either. Our stock is large and our prices are low, and we are well suited. Our customers should be sure to get in the right place, as there is no other establishment in the city in our line of business strictly "one-price." S 25 0P

ONE-PRICE CLOTHING, No. 604 MARKET STREET, ONE DOOR ABOVE SIXTH. (S 25 0P) RECONSTRUCTION FOR THE SPRING OF 1866. C. SOMERS & SON, No. 625 CHESTNUT Street, (Under Jayne's Hall). Have been enabled to reduce the prices of Clothing, that those of small as well as those of large means may furnish themselves with a NEW SPRING SUIT. SPHING OVERCOATS, ENGLISH WALKING COATS, REGULATOR AND FROCK COATS, SPRING RACK COATS, CASHMERE SUITS TO MATCH. At figures Astonishingly Low, as compared with war price. An elegant stock of Uncut Goods for mensure work. S 25 0P