

THE CANAL QUESTION.

MEETING AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.

Speeches of Moses H. Grinnell, Ex-Senator Babcock, and others.

Resolutions in Favor of the Canal Enlargement Adopted.

The Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

ELECTION TO-DAY, FEB. 15.

Following call, signed by Nathaniel and George Griswold, and about three hundred others, was advertised in the Herald of Tuesday.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. Consider you are responsible to the fact that this city has already reaped advantages from the fact that the Erie canal and lateral canals from this basin far exceeding the cost of the Erie canal.

At the appointed hour, about a thousand merchants and others being assembled in the rotunda of the Exchange, Mr. M. H. GRINNELL moved that Mr. George Griswold take the chair.

Mr. GRINNELL then moved that the following named gentlemen act as officers of the meeting, and the motion was adopted.

- President: GEORGE GRISWOLD. Vice Presidents: SHEPARD KNAPP, CHARLES H. MARSHALL, E. W. DUNHAM, D. W. DENHAM, F. W. GILBERT, Walter S. Grinnell.

Mr. President and fellow citizens—I hold in my hand a few short resolutions that have been prepared to be presented to you for your ratification or rejection at this meeting. But the resolutions do not belong to me, merchants, who have met here to-day to consider what is incumbent upon us to do in the course of tomorrow.

At the conclusion of Mr. Grinnell's remarks the resolutions were adopted, and after a few o'clock the meeting was dissolved.

A Modest Proposition from a Canal Man.

The plan to initiate upon the people of New York a new debt of ten millions, by a vote in aid, brings about the following proposition:

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BUFFALO NEWS HERALD. DEAR SIR—You will recollect Mr. James S. Watson, of Geneva, and myself, called on you and asked you to sign a petition in aid of the Erie canal.

Resolved, That the merchants of New York are especially interested in the Erie canal, and that they should be especially interested in the Erie canal.

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this city, you probably have been observed in the paving of Broadway, and other improvements, which have been made here, and which you will not have done otherwise. Certainly not, if you have unfaithful agents, removed from you, and who are not to be trusted.

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MARITIME INTELLIGENCE.

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