

EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

POLITICAL RIGHTS OF NEGROES.

From the N. Y. Times.

The broad assertion of citizenship and its attendant franchises which was made in behalf of the negroes by the recent amendments to the Constitution is simply a basis for practical legislation, by means of which those franchises can be realized.

The resistance to the fifteenth amendment, by refusing to register negro voters in Ohio and California, and the spirit of intimidation in the South, demonstrate the immediate necessity for action upon the part of Congress.

The bill also declares colored citizens entitled to vote upon precisely the same terms and conditions as whites, and that any person who shall prevent them by force, fraud, or intimidation, or who shall refuse to assess or levy or collect a tax of colored citizens in States where the payment of taxes is a qualification of electors, or shall refuse or neglect to register colored voters, or to receive his vote when legally offered, shall also be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by fine or imprisonment, or both.

The bill is very carefully drawn, and is evidently intended to cover every phase of resistance to the principle involved in the recent constitutional amendments.

LETTER-WRITING.

From the N. Y. World.

When Clio sits down at her desk, in the midst of tinted stationery and ivory-handled pens and alluring ink-jars, and begins epistolary communion with remote Polyhymnia, she naturally does not forebode that her unreserved communications shall become the sport of chance, and be published abroad for the perusal of mankind.

There is but one remedy for this abuse and for the systematic contempt of popular elections which it brings with it, and that is for the House to renounce all interference with the matter. Whoever presents the proper credentials of election should be admitted to his seat, and if any person contests his right to it let him do so before the judicial authorities of the State.

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womanly vanity and a great deal of womanly warmth and affection on the part of the writer, they are of absolutely no significance. The writer was very much in love with her correspondent, and seemed to be ardently desirous to promote what she deemed to be her welfare.

THE FARCE OF CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

From the N. Y. Herald.

With all the important public business pressing on the House of Representatives, that body has been spending two whole days in the partisan work of voting to seats men whom their constituents had elected to remain at home.

There never was a greater farce in legislative bodies than this one of contested elections. No matter what their several merits or demerits be, there is but one conclusion inevitably to be reached, and that is that the seat is to be given to the person who is of the politics of the majority.

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their silk attire, their rings, and their ornaments, and, donning linen dresses and white aprons, become for the nonce amateur cooks.

INTERNAL REVENUE STAMP CANCELLERS.

To the Editor of the Evening Telegraph.

A communication appeared in the Press a few days ago with reference to the authority of Commissioner Delano to prescribe stamp cancellers.

Section 157, act July 13, 1866, is quoted. That section reads, in part, "that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue be and he is hereby authorized to prescribe such method."

Now, as he has approved of three distinct and separate methods, and is about to approve of other methods, which one of all these will require the "imperative" use of the latter part of the section referred to reads, "And he is further authorized, in his discretion, to make the application of such method imperative upon the manufacturers of proprietary articles, or articles included in schedule C, and upon stamps of a nominal value exceeding twenty-five cents each."

As stamps upon documents of value, such as deeds, bonds, etc., must be legally cancelled, it becomes a very nice question, What will be the legal form of cancellation, after April 30, upon such stamps?

Let the Commissioner try his hand at this matter once more, and see if he cannot make a clean thing of it.

The Commissioner says these cancellers "may be used," or else stamps when used must be cancelled by writing the initials of the user and the date when used thereon.

This is alternative, and contrary to law. The new method must be a "substitute for" or an "addition to the method now prescribed by law"—so reads section 157. "Wheeler," "Holt," and "Chamberlain" ought now to go into partnership and issue the most profitable stamp canceller, withdrawing the others; else they will simply cut one another's throats, and that would be cancelling the cancellers.

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