

FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.—The following list of States which have acted on the Fifteenth Amendment, we find in a "Portland paper," taken from the N. Y. Times, and is reliable:

- Alabama—No action yet taken.
Arkansas—Ratified March 15, 1869.
California—No action yet taken.
Connecticut—Ratified May 13, 1869.
Delaware—Rejected March 18, 1869.
Florida—Ratified June 15, 1869.
Georgia—Rejected March 17, 1869.
Illinois—Ratified March 5, 1869.
Indiana—Ratified May 14, 1869.
Iowa—No action yet taken.
Kansas—Ratified February 27, 1869.
Kentucky—No action yet taken.
Louisiana—Ratified March 1, 1869.
Maine—Ratified March 11, 1869.
Maryland—No action taken.
Massachusetts—Ratified March 12, 1869.
Michigan—Ratified March 5, 1869.
Minnesota—No action yet taken.
Mississippi—No action yet taken.
Missouri—Ratified March 2, 1869.
Nebraska—No action yet taken.
Nevada—Ratified March 1, 1869.
New Hampshire—Ratified July 1, 1869.
New Jersey—No action yet taken.
New York—Ratified April 14, 1869.
North Carolina—Ratified March 5, 1869.
Ohio—Rejected by Senate April 30, 1869.
Oregon—No action yet taken.
Pennsylvania—Ratified March 25, 1869.
Rhode Island—Senate ratified May 27, 1869.
South Carolina, Ratified March 13, 1869.
Tennessee—No action yet taken.
Texas—No action yet taken.
Vermont—No action yet taken.
Virginia—No action yet taken.
West Virginia—Ratified March 3, 1869.
Wisconsin—Ratified March 5, 1869.
It will be seen by the above that nineteen States have fully ratified the amendment, leaving nine to fill the requirement. Of these nine, Vermont, Alabama, Iowa, Minnesota, Rhode Island and Nebraska, are counted as certain to ratify. This makes six of the required nine. Virginia, Mississippi and Texas must ratify before they can obtain representation in Congress. Ohio and Tennessee, it is asserted by leading Republicans, will both act favorably on the article, and it is thought that Georgia will rescind her former action, and ratify also. Thus it will be seen that the requisite number of States, twenty-eight, are absolutely sure to ratify, and that the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States is as "good as did."

MURDER AT PORTLAND.—On the 22d inst., in the city of Portland, Frank Whitney was stabbed, from the effects of which he died in a few minutes, by Jack Harris, an old and widely known resident of that city. Whitney demanded of Harris the payment of a sum of money which he stated Harris was owing him; Harris said he wanted nothing to do with Whitney, who then struck him with an umbrella, whereupon Harris stabbed Whitney two or more times with a small knife, resulting as above. Harris is in jail.

NO CONVENTION.—The Democratic County Central Committee of Chicago (Cook county), after a lengthy consultation on the 16th, determined not to call a convention this fall, but to unite with the "people's organization," as their only hope of defeating the regular nominations of the Republican party.

TERRIBLE.—A fire in Toronto, on the 17th, destroyed three frame dwellings, two children perishing in the flames. A third child was saved by being thrown from the window. One fireman was killed, and another fatally injured, by a falling chimney.

TRANSMITTED.—A certified copy of the joint resolution of the Legislature of Indiana, accepting and ratifying the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution, has been received by Secretary Fish from Indiana's State Secretary.

WILD BILL.—"Wild Bill," a desperado biographed in Harper's some time since, being taken to jail in Colorado City for a murderous assault on election day was shot and killed by an unknown person concealed in the woods.

MURDER.—At North Bridgewater (Mass.), on the 16th, James Armstrong shot his mother-in-law dead, the shot being intended for his father-in-law. He also wounded Jas. Welch, a neighbor.

COLORADO.—The Republicans have a majority in the Legislature of Colorado.

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION.—The Women's Suffrage Convention met at Cincinnati on the 16th, adopted a constitution, and elected as officers: Mrs. Tracy Cutter, President; Mrs. Langly, Vice President; Mrs. H. Donney, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. M. Cole, Cor. Sec. Following is a synopsis of the doings of the meeting:

Their resolutions quote the Declaration of Independence, about the Government deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed; that taxation without representation is tyranny, and declare that suffrage under our system of government is an inalienable right of every human being capable of a rational choice; that the denial of franchise to women is contrary to the genius of our institutions; that women have interests as wives, mothers and widows, which interests should be represented directly in the Government; that women, as a class, have peculiar mental and moral characteristics, and their votes therefore would be favorable to peace, purity, temperance, economy, religion, benevolence and public order. They invoke the co-operation of everybody, irrespective of party, creed, color or nationality, in securing amendments to State and Federal Constitutions conferring suffrage on women. They declare that the ballot means bread for the working women. They sympathize with the working classes of the country in their struggle against the encroachments of capital, and demand the ballot for the daughters of toil, as the only means of obtaining equal pay for equal work. They recommend the friends of woman suffrage to organize in every township and ward, to create and concentrate political sentiment in favor of woman suffrage.

A MODERN SAMSON DEAD.—Capt. John J. Russell, who died in Franklin county, Kentucky, recently, aged seventy-five years, was one of the most powerful men, when in his prime, in the United States. His force of will and power were known and acknowledged from Pittsburg to New Orleans. He has lifted a shaft weighing 1,647 pounds, and carried across the deck of his steamer an anchor which weighed 1,242 pounds. On one occasion, in New Orleans, he had a personal encounter with the pirate Lafitte, and, unarmed, whipped and ejected him from a ball room. The incidents of his great force of will and power of command would fill a volume. He was known and feared by the thieves and gamblers that then infested the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

A Georgia paper says that fifteen hundred Chinamen have been ordered, and that they are expected to arrive in that State in January next, the greater proportion of whom are to be sent into the rice and cotton fields, although quite a number will fill the positions of cooks, house servants, washing, &c. Great confidence is expressed in the success of the enterprise.

Trenton, New Jersey, is on a broad grin over a huge joke which has unintentionally, we presume, been perpetrated upon some of its most highly respected citizens. An enterprising colored man devised a petition addressed to the Common Council of that city, asking for an enlargement of the school house for colored children. It occurred to him that the signatures of certain white persons might be desirable, and he applied for and obtained quite a large number. Just where the laugh comes in, is the petition commences, "We, the parents of colored children!"

A young lady once married a man by the name of Dust, against the wishes of her parents. After a short time they lived unhappily together, and she returned to her father's house, but he refused her, saying: "Dust thou art and unto Dust shalt thou return."

THUNDER STORM.—A terrific thunder storm passed over Cleveland, Ohio, on the 17th, during which several houses were struck by lightning.

POLITICS IN OHIO.—The Democratic Convention which met in Cincinnati on the 16th, nominated a ticket half Republican and half Democratic—an abandonment of the Democratic organization.

Admiral Hoff is reported as having said that the struggle in Cuba will be protracted indefinitely, unless outside interference takes place.

The real leading spirit of Japan now is Satsuma, the Treasurer of the Empire. He is the richest of the native princes, or Daimios; adopts every improvement, arms his followers with breech-loading rifles; has sent as many as fifty young Japanese to be educated in various parts of Europe, and, in a word, is a man of the times.

REDUCTION.—Steamboat fare from Stockton to San Francisco has been reduced to \$2 cabin, and \$1 50 deck.

Letter from Victoria.

VICTORIA, Vancouver's Island. FRIEND VAN.—After many days, through great tribulation by land and by water; through trials that would dampen the ardor of the most sanguine of Uncle Samuel's impetuous sons, and through scenes that would make the artist's brush leap from its plastic element, or the poet's muse to sing for joy and revel in the beautiful and picturesque; through forests blackened by the recent fires, with now and then a mighty fir, in close proximity to the road, balancing upon a doubtful foundation, and whose gnarled and blackened trunk, that has borne the burden and heat of many a fiery ordeal, seems like a giant monster in a reverie, careless of all beneath, and so likely to bring swift destruction upon the upgry traveler as to lay his massive form in the cool and darkened shadows of his fellows; through many beautiful scenes in mountain and lowland, and some very fertile prairies, watered by clear, cool streams, in whose darkling eddies the mountain trout seeks a safe retreat. But on nearing the Sound a great change comes, not "o'er the spirit of your dreams," but over the character of the country—from fertility to a gravelly expanse, consisting of thousands of acres, and suggesting to your mind the idea that sometime in the long ago the waters of the Sound covered these gravelly prairies, and the inhabitants of the deep held full sway, where now a sparse vegetation alone greets the eye.

But the Sound: Have your eyes ever gazed on its glassy surface, or looked into its clear depths? No. Then you have a duty to perform. Puget's Sound is one of the wonders of the world, and no journalist within its reach should fail to see it. No harbor in the world excels it in any particular. Its mines of coal, iron, gold and silver, in due time, will rival many of our richest camps. Her fisheries will be world renowned, and the innumerable quiet little bays, heavily fringed with a foliage of evergreen, offer unparalleled inducements to smugglers and law evading personages. The meanderings of the Sound, including each little bay and inlet, amount to many hundreds of miles in extent, and capable of supporting a dense population. The cities of the Sound are, Olympia, situated at the Southern extremity; Seattle, some thirty odd miles below; Steilacoom and Tacoma, intermediate, and aspiring with others to the high position of becoming at some future but not far distant day, the terminus of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and consequently the great metropolis of the Pacific coast.

Vancouver's Island—what a pity it is that Uncle Sam didn't try to buy John Bull out, instead of sinking seven millions in Alaska ice-bergs and blubbering Hottentots. I'd like to own Victoria (I mean the city). I think if I couldn't offer white folks any inducements to go into business or settle, I'd issue a proclamation to Asia and Africa, and offer, besides low rents, liberal inducements in the way of trade, especially in opium and bird's nests for the Chinese, and Wade and Butcher razors and rubber combs for the negroes. Then we could look on and see the representatives of two of the grand divisions of the globe following each their legitimate business. Nothing but American—Yankee—enterprise will ever redeem Victoria from old fogysim.

At every turn, in every place, You meet Bombastes faces to face. E.

Telegraphic Summary.

The distillers in some places propose an association to aid the revenue officers in detecting dishonest distillers.

Gen. Céspedes, President of the Cuban Republic, has taken the field in person, it is reported. Gen. Horman is made his Chief of Staff.

Koopmanschap has contracted with a Texas land company for 5,000 coolies.

Frauds are reported as having been detected in the management of the New York Methodist Book Concern. The son of Dr. Porter, one of the agents, is reported to have been permitted to charge \$15,000 on paper furnished the institution, or, in other words, for attending to the business that devolved upon his father by his appointment.

About eight hundred delegates were in attendance at the Grand Lodge of Good Templars, assembled at Rochester, New York, on the 21st. On the 21st, at Richmond, Walker was inaugurated Provisional Governor of Virginia, Wells turning over the affairs of the State to the new incumbent. A large crowd of white and colored people were in attendance, but no ceremonies or demonstrations were had. Walker's first

appointment is Capt. Cameron, of the Petersburg Index, as his Secretary. Cameron was a Confederate officer, and one of Walker's most determined supporters in the late campaign.

Telegrams to the 22d from Syracuse (N. Y.), state that nearly the entire delegation to the Democratic State Convention had arrived. The platform will be rather conservative, not going so far as the Ohio Democratic platform. Its leading points will be: A demand for the restoration of the Southern States to the Union; general amnesty; fulfillment of obligations of contract in regard to the U. S. bonds; opposition to the Fifteenth Amendment; do. to the amended State Constitution, except the judiciary article. It is thought that the present Democratic State officers will be renominated.

The Maine Senate stands 28 Republicans to 3 Democrats—a Democratic gain of one; House, Republicans, 113, Democrats, 84—four districts yet to hear from. Last year the House stood 121 Republicans to 31 Democrats.

The Mayor of Jefferson City (La.) has been impeached for alleged speculations, and suspended for trial.

Rumors are current that Prussia is about to annex the Grand Duchy of Baden.

The bodies of six persons, a woman and five children, were found in a field near Paris, France, murdered, on the 21st. No clue to the perpetrators.

Some of the journals of Madrid, Spain, advocate the immediate declaration of war should the United States accord belligerent rights to Cuba.

The Governments of France and England have decided that they will not interfere between Spain and the United States in the matter of the Cuban revolution and American diplomacy at Madrid.

Reports from Brazilian sources represent Lopez as completely defeated and the struggle ended. The La Patrie differs, and while acknowledging that the Paraguayans suffered a reverse, maintains that Lopez is still able and determined to prosecute the war.

Edinburg telegrams to the 21st state that Right Hon. George Patton, Lord Chief Justice of Scotland, has unaccountably disappeared, and fears are entertained that he has been fully dealt with.

The Directors of the Alanza bank have offered the Spanish Government the total profits of the bank while the rebellion lasts, for the purpose of carrying on the war, paying \$30,000 on the first installment.

The Red Stockings were to play the California Nine, of San Francisco, to-day. John G. Saxe, the poet, is engaged to deliver a course of lectures before the San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.

SANCTIONED.—The selection of the Duke of Genoa as King of Spain, has received the sanction of the King of Italy.

WANTING.—Andrew Johnson's chances for the United States Senate from Tennessee are said to be wanting. Let 'em wane.

HOW HE WON A PLACE.—"Sir," said a boy, addressing a man, "do you want a boy to work for you?" "No," answered the man, "I have no such want."

The boy looked disappointed, at least the man thought so and he asked: "Don't you succeed in getting a place?"

"I have asked at a good many places," replied the boy. "A woman told me you had been after a boy—but it is not so, I find."

"Don't be discouraged," said the man, in a friendly tone.

"Oh! no, sir," said the boy cheerfully, "because this is a very big world, and I feel certain that God has something for me to do in it. I am only trying to find it."

"Just so, just so," said a gentleman who overheard the talk. "Come with me, my boy; I am in want of somebody like you." He was a doctor; and the doctor thought any boy so anxious to find his work would be likely to do it faithfully when he found it; so he took the boy into his employ, and found him all that he desired.

Another remarkable story about Vanderbilt. He owed Morrissey forty cents. Morrissey went down to his office with a keg of powder and a match. He locked the door. He swallowed the key. He lit his match. His brow darkened. He said both should never leave that room again unless one was a corpse. He lit another match. He placed it close to Vanderbilt's head. He said one or the other must sit down on the keg—take your choice, Mr. V. Vanderbilt is not easily frightened, but he saw he was in a close place. He paid the forty cents. Morrissey departed with his key. Since that time both have been better friends to each other than both of them put together ever were before. Such is the story. Can it be true? "Scasely."

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ALBANY RETAIL MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various commodities in Albany on September 23, 1869. Items include Wheat, Oats, Potatoes, Onions, Butter, Eggs, Chickens, Sugar, Coffee, Tea, and various oils and flours.

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Sept. 25, '69-3y B. BRENNER.

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