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The original copy of the Declaration of Independance, which has been in the patent office at Washington for years, has faded so that the signatures are nearcely visible, and a skilled penm m is to go over the document with the aid of a strong microscope and retrace all the signatures so as to make them distinct and legible.

The Brooklpn Union-a mammoth daily sheet, supposed heretofore to be notice to the creditors, among whom is B F. Tracy (Beecher's lawyer) for \$10,000, Mutual Life Insurance Compary, \$40,000; Brooklyn Bank, \$14,000; F. A. Schrouder, \$10,000, &c., &c.-to appear before A. M. Cunningham. Register, at his Court of Bankrupley, 16th instant, in Brooklyn.

How queer those Brooklyn people are? Tilton believing his wife to be B+ cher seduced his friends wife, invit a him to his own house, introduces him to his wife, leaves them in a bed room together, and publishes his letters. Mrs. Moulton on hearing the man confess his crime, covers him with an afghan, puts her hand on his shoulder kisses him, and tells him he is a good man.

How long will a locomotive last and be serviceable? An engine on the Reading road has been on duty since 1847, and has run in that time 475,733 miles, on an average of nearly 17,000 miles per year for twenty-eight year, Probably there is very little of the original engine remaining except the frame and miner parts. Another engine, made in London, Eugland in 1838, is sill doing duty.

SomeBody has xamined the record and finds out that only two Speakers have been longer in the chair than Mr. Blaine, Henry Clay served in the 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 18th Congresses. Andrew Stephenson, of Virginia, was Speaker of the 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d Congresses. Two Speakers have served equal termwith Mr. Blaine-Nathausel Macon, of North Carolino, who served in the 7th 8 h and 9th Congresses and ex Vice-President, Schuyler Colfax, who served in the 38th, and 39th and 40th Cougressesses.

Essex county, Massachusetts, is con soling herself over the loss of Butler at representative by the discovery of silver ore in what is said to be paying quantity. Four companies are now "operating" on mines, and lands in the vicinity thereof has greatly increased in price. The statement of the discovery was doubted for some time, but the investigation seems to have settled the fact that there are mineral deposits in the county, such as lead copper and silver, although it is still a question whether the mining of it will pay.

Texas is lucky, and Galveston will live cattle from Galveston to England. r sponse "aye" was drowned by the They propose to bring emigrants and ringing applause from Senators and merchandise back. The agent of the from the lobbies and galleries. Thus company has already arrived, and the thirty-three votes had been recorded first steamer is now due at Galveston. in the affirmative and the bill was The vessels of the line are fitted up afe, as Senator Young was a pronounwith a series of connected hammocks for securing cattle on voyages, and it is believed by procuring stock at low recorded his vote most reluctantly in prices at the source of supply a great | the negative, as he was personally in profit can be realized. Each steamer favor of a Convention, but he was will care about 15,000 head of cattle, compelled to forego his own convicand make the outward passage in tions to the views of his friends. Mr. about sixteen days.

YARB ROUGH HOUSE, / RALEION, March 12th, 1875.

Dear Journal :- To-day has been the most interesting of the session .-The Convention bill being the Special Order for 12 o'clock, the Senate Chamber was filled to its utmost capacity.-In fact, the House was without a quorum, and the members only left the Senate Chamber when it was ascertained there was about to be a call of

Exactly at 12 o'clock every Senator being in his seatexcept Colonel Cooke, thieresix column paper, Two Dott. Also of Franklin, the gavel of the President per year; three copies FIVE DOLLARS AND fell, other business was stopped, and the Clerk was directed to read the bill. The friends of Convention had determined not to consume time in the

speeches, although some of them were elaborately prepared. Colonel Williamson, the Senator from Caswell, moved to amend by preventing the Convention from interfering with the manner of electing Judges and Magistrates. It was promptly voted down. Other amendments were offered, and all met the same fate. The negro Mabson, looking out for his friends, moved to amend, prohibiting the reestablishment of the whipping post, and disfranchisement for crime.

Mr. Linney proposed an amendment. leaving it to the people to decide at the polls whether the Convention shall be restricted or not. This elicited some discussion. Colonel French, of Robeson, was in favor of the amendment, but was satisfied that if it was adopted, it would defeat the bill, and he was unwilling to jeopardize its fate, even by adopting asmeritorious amend-

A little after 1 o'clock the clerk be gan to call the roll. All was uncertainty. The excitement, as the call progressed, was intense. All over the Chamber, Sepators and others, were keeping the count. The President responded "aye" in a loud distinct roice, as if conscious of doing his duty. Mr. Albright, the Sepator from Chatlam, was reluctantly compelled to vote against his party friends, but his hands were tied. He had promised his constituents, during the canvass, to vote against the call of a Convention.

The Democrats, in succession, voted aye, and the Radica's nay until on a sound basis has gone under, and the name of Cantwell was called. He the United States marshal gives official responded quickly and distinctly "aye," being the first and only Pepublican who voted in favor of the bill. The friends of the measure now breathed freer, but the absence of Colonel Cooke left the result in doubt.

The call progressed amidst the breathless silence of the vast crowd. The Democrats voting aye and the Radicals pay, until the name of Mr. LeGrand, of Richmond, was reached se luced, takes \$7,000 of the seducer's He rose from his seat with evident ca h, and writes "Grace, Mercy and emotion. He was as much in favor of P. ce" Moulton, believing that a Convention as any other Senator, but representing a constituency opposed to it he was compelled to ree and his vote against his party friends. If the Convention was called he could be found battling in the ranks for some worthy man to represent the interests of his people in that body.

Again the clerk proceeded with the call. Mr. Marier, of Yadkin, was the next Democrat who voted in the negative. Mr. Pegram, the worthy Senator from Harnett, did not respond to his name. His position was doubtful, a d the friends of the bill were apprebensive of the result. The interest now became painful. One after another the Democratic Senators voted in the affirmative and the Radicals in the negative without comments, until the name of Mr. Wi liamson was called, being the third from the end. Two votes were required, and it was known that Mr. Worthy, from Moore, would vote in the negative. Colonel Williamson rose calmly. Ad turned to bim with anxiety, for upon his vote probably rested the fate of the bill. From the first day of the session he had been one of the most steadfast and persist ent opponents of the measure. H evilently felt the responsibility rest ing upon him, and was fully prepared to meet it. His voice trembled with emotion, and his frame awayed with the feelings which rankled in his breast. His position, be said, was s peculiar one. He had opposed this bill from the first. He feared it was ble to him. [Lond cheers.] At any against the best interests of the party, and had fought it hard and persistently, in season and out of season And now he found himself in a still more trying position. Always a Demograt, he had not been in the habit of setting up his individual opinion against so large a majority of his party. (The Senate Chamber echoed and reechoed with applause, which the President for some moment could not check) It may be that he was committing a mistake, but if so it could be apt to inaugurate direct trade by a never be recorded against him-like line of steamers sooner than any other | Uncle Poby's curse, which the record-Southern city. A company has been ing angels blotted out with tears, he formed in London with a capital of kn whis mistake would be obliterated £5,000,000 for the purpose of carrying by the forgiveness of his friends. His

ced friend.

Mr. Worthy, the fourth Democrat,

EBITORIAL COMBENCE- passage of the bill on its second in my native country, I am proud of Mr. Pegram, of Harnett, now ad-

dressed the President and desired to record his vote. He believed his constituents were opposed to the call of a Convention, but mak or awim, live or die, he would cast his lot with his party in this almost unanimous expression of its wishes.

The President announced that there were thirty-five votes in the affirmative and fourteen in the negative. The bill had, therefore, passed its second

Col. French rose before the Senatore had fully recovered from the deep feeling which prevailed on all sides moved the rules be suspended the bill be put upon its third reading. The motion prevailed, and

the Clerk read the bill the third time. The President ordered the roll to be called, and each Democratic Senstor voted are except Mr. Albright and amount by taxation to defray the exe ch Radical nay, except Mr. Cantwell, without remark, until the name of Mr. LeGrand was called. He said no longer desired to hold out against the almost unanimous wishes of his party friends. He then changed his vote to the affirmative Mr. Marler continued his opposition, but Mr. Worthy allied himself with his party The record showed that thirty-seven Senators had voted in the affirmative and twelve in the negative. The President announced that the bill had rec ived the constitutional majority, and had passed its final reading in the

Everybody rose as if by concert, so go at was the relief felt on all sides e S nate refused to do other legistion and soon after adjourned.

The Convention bill will come up in he House to-morrow, and an early day will be fixed for its consideration Its fate in that body, of course, is not certain, but a very general feeling prevails that the few Democrats who oppose it will not permit three-fourths of their party friends to be defeated by their acting with the negroes of the House, for several of the more intelligent white Radicals, I learn, will support it. A very great responsibility rests upon these gentlemen, and I believe the interests of the State are safe n their hands.

It is thought that the Legislature will adjourn on Monday week.

THE PERSON PRINCE IMPE-BIAL.

Notable Banquet at Woolwich-The Prince Speaks of the Bona partes as a " Family of Gunners" During the evening of Tuesday, February 23, a grand banquet was given by the officers of the Royal Ar-tillery to Prince Louis Napoleon at

their splendid mess-room in the Royal Artillery barracks, Woolwich, The mess-room, when lighted up, present d a brilliant sppearance, particularly os the massive and handsome trophies and gifts of plate belonging to the rement were placed on the tables -The Prince arrived in the garrison about seven o'clock, and among those invited were the Luc de Bassano Comte Clary, the Marquis de Bass no, Comte de Labedoyere, Baron Cor visart, M. l'ietri, M. Filon and Lient. Gen. Sir J. L. A. Simmons, K. C. B. R. E , Governor of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, through which the Prince has recently passed so successfully. Such is the esteem and re gard evinced toward the Prince by the officers of the Royal Artillery, that notwithstanding the immense size of their mess-room, they were compelled. from want of space, to abstain from in-viting any private friends—in fact, to limit the privilege of dining to officers of the Royal Artillery belonging to the garrison, Maj. Gen. C. L. D'Agnilar. C. B., commandant of the garrison and district, presided, and the Prince

occupied a sest on his right. Gen D'Aguiller, in proposing th toast for the evening said: I rise to propose the health of the guest who has honored us with his presence this evening. |Cheers.| I am sure I need not say to whom I allude-[chee:s]when I mention the name of his Imperial Highness, the Prince Imperial [loud cheers] the name will, I know, evoke your most hearty feelings of regard. His Imperial Highness, s week ago to-day, completed his studies at our Royal Military Academy, and acquitted himself with so much ability and distinction that, if he had been about to enter our ordnance corps-[cheers] I cannot say which corps would have gained his Imperial Highpess' preference; but looking to the association of the imperial name with the grand artillery of France - | cheers think I should not be far wrong in conjecturing that our own branch of the service would not have been unfavorarate we welcome him to-night, and I am certain that I speak the sentiments of every one present when I assure his Imperial Highness how gra ified we are by his presence, and how glad we shall be to place at his service at all times this room, our institution and all the resurces at our command, and hope that he will make use them as often and whenever he is residing in our while vicinity. [Cheers.] I cannot sit down without expressing as my own personal opinion that, whatever may be the future of our exalted guest, he will never regret the period he has passed in one of the military institutions of this country. [Cheers] 1 give you the toast of "His Imperial Righness the Prince Imperial.' toast was drunk most enthusiastically, the band playing "Partant pour la

The Prince Imperial rose almost immediately, and, when the cheering sub-sided, said : General D'Aguilar and officers of the Boyal Regiment of A.s tillery, I thank you for the kind words you have just spoken and the hearty manner in which you have received the mention of my name [Cheers,] I hope that the officers of the Royal Artillery will allow me still to consider myself as belonging to their corns. [Cheera.] Thanks to the Lospitality of England, I have been enabled to carry on the traditions of my family of gunners, [Cheers.] Not having Young then voted aye, securing the been able to complete my education

having had for companions men who have fought with us so bravely on n any a battle-field [Lond and pro-loged chees.] At all events, I never can forget the two years. I have spent in this garrism, or fail to estimate highly the honor of belonging to a corps whose metto is "Ubique quo fas et gioria ducant" [Much chessing.]

THE COTTON TAX. THE SHNATE JUDICIARY COMMITTER RE-

PORT AGAINST REFUNDING IT. WASHINGTON, March 7-The Committee on Judiciary of the Senate, to whom was referred the petition of the citizens of DeSoto county, Miss, praying the return of taxes assessed and collected for the years 1865, 1836, 1867, 1868 and 1869, respectfully report that the petition of the citizens of DeSoto, Miss., asking the return of tax on cotton for the years 1865 and 1869 inclusive, on the grounds that the tax was unjust and oppressive, and because it was unconstitutional.

The government of the United

States has been obliged to raise a large penses of the recent war. The property and industries at the North have been heavily t xed, and as cotton coustatuted the principal wealth of the South, the committee see no reason why a tax upon it should be considered unjust or oppressive. The cotton tax has been claimed to be unconsti tutional for the following reasons: First, because it is equivalent to a direet tax, and is not laid according to a population. When the constitution was framed the larger States were caretui to provide that direct tax should be according to population, for fear a tax upon land by the acre might be imposed upon them. Hence the con-stitution, article I, section 2, provides that direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States according to an enumeration made every ten years but the cotton tax is not a direct or laud tax; it is a tax on production of land. It is an excise on cotton severed from the land in bale and by the pound. S cond, the tax is commed to be unconstitutional, because it is not uniform. The eighth section of article one pro oi les that all excises shall be unifor n throughout the Un ted States. The tax is uniform. It is the same whethor the cotton be in Maine of Louisiana The fact that cotton is grown in the South and not at the North, creates no want of uniformity, any more than the fact that unnufacturers are found at the North and not at the South rendoes tax on the products of the Northern mechanic partial and local. Any one can raise cotton, and as a matter of fact Northern capital is invested in its production. The excise is uni

Third. It is said the tax is uuconstitutional because it is a tax on exports. The pinth section of article one provides that, "No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from the State." The fact that any article may be or is largely exported does not make the article an exported article. This is simply a tax on cotton. The object of the Constitution is to prohibit tax on exportation and this tax is not that. The committee therefore recommend that the petition be not al-

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