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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A. T. Stewart is said to contemplate building a hotel at Washington after the plan of the Grand Union at Sara- to the Couvention will desire to go toga.

It is reported that the Marquis of Lorne and his wife, the Princess Louisa, contemplate visiting the United States during the ensuing summer.

The prospects of silver mining in Utah this season are unusually favorable. An increase over 1874 of from 30 to 50 per cent, is expected.

Paris has 15,000 laundresses, whose receipts aggregate \$12,000,000 a year -\$10,000,000 for rough work and \$2,000,000 for getting up muslins and fine linen.

A nurseryman at Bloomington, Ill., recently sold a 'on of nursery stock to a Californian, which he is sending by mail in 5,000 four-ounce packages.

ness, and when the spring tra 'e fairly versy. They are submitted with peropens we may safely consider that we period of sound are entering upon a and solid prosperity, which can only be interrupted by some wholly unlooked-for disaster. Pork-packing this season has turned out about 1,100,000,000 pounds of hog in various forms-or 555,000 tons -enough to load 55,500 cars and 3,700 railroad trains. Ten full trains each day the year round would hardly move the meat packed at the west during the last Winter. Arbor Day in Nebraska occurs this year on the second Wednesday in April, and the Legislature will be petitioned to make it a legal holiday .-The importance of tree-planting is thority. keenly appreciated in Nebraska, and it would be well if the people of other States felt it as deeply. Experience seems to show that good business location may be made almost anywhere if the requisite vital ity, energy and business talent be directed to it, Buffalo or Pittsburg might have done what has been achieved by Chicago and St. Louis, had the same amount of vim been exerted in those places. And no one can feel any doubt that the concentration at New York is artificial who sees no people pass. A few evenings ago a prominent Congressman called briefly upon Grant. He had happened to be accompanied by Dr. Brown-Sequardthere was a subsequent engagement the two were to fill together. "As a favor," said the eminent lawmaker. "make a quiet optical diagnosis of the President and tell me what you think when we come out," The interview was soon concluded, and the visitors were presently out, "Well," said the Congressman, turning to the physician, "what do you say ?" "I say," answered Dr. Brown-bequard, "that man must change his way of living or die within six months." A Russian naval officer has invented a means of quickly stopping holes made in ships by collision or otherwise. His contrivance consists of a "plaster," as he calls it, made of two rectangular sheets of canvas sewed together, bordered with rope, and containing a water-proof material. A sounding-line must be passed under the keel and brought up on the other side; then the plaster can be lowered to the hole and made fast. A large number of ships in the Russian navy are furnished with this apparatus, some of which have already availed themselves of it with highly satisfactory results. It is now proposed to put a certain number of the men em-ployed on each ship through a course of special training, so that they may be ready, in an emergency, to apply the apparatus with skill and rapidity. tory results. It is now proposed to

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FEMALE SUFFRAGE. natters not couffiled by the act of the General Assimbly. The decision of Chief Justice Waite and the full bench upon the case of Miner vs. Hoppersail, which came up from the Supreme Court of Missouri to that of the United States, and involved the question whether under the Fourtheenth Amendment a woman who is a citizen of the United States and of a State is a voter in the latter, may perhaps disappoint a few of the overzealous advocates of woman suffrage; but those who wait to see the cause prosper upon its merits could hardly have expected anything else. The opinion, which was delivered by the Chief Justice himself, was to the effect that the Fourteenth Amendment tions." did not effect the citizenship of women" any more than it did of men. Without this amendment she had always been a citizen from her birth, entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizenship, but the right of suffrage was not made in terms or by implication one of the rights of citizenehip. The Fourteenth Amendment, therefore, did not change the status of women in the body politic, but give her in common with men additional guar antees in what had been previously accorded. If a different construction could be allowed, and suffrage was necessarily a part of citizenship, then the provision of the Constitution which gives citizens of each State all the privileges and immunities of citizens in each State the right to vote in each and all the States, which is a manifest absurdity. Evidently it was unwise and unsafe counsel that followed when

this case was appealed at all. THE CONVENTION

We publish to-day an able letter from a distinguished citizen of the State upon two important questions in regard to the Constitutional Convention, to which we direct attention, --While we do not think that either can arise, for we take it that no delegate outside of the set under which he is elected, these with other question . will be agitated during the canvaes, and their discussion now will be a matter of interest :

THE CONVENTION. ROCKINGHAM, April 2d, 1875. Messrs. Editors :

In a late number of your paper, you called the attention of your readers to the fact that the Convention provided for by the late session of the General Assembly, was a limited or restricted Convention. That is to say, that it has full power over all the provisions of the Constitution, except such as are excluded by the set making the call .--The question now arises, and has to some extent, been discussed : Has the Legislature the authority, by the Corstitution, to impose any restrictions, or is its power completely exhausted in the mere question of the propriety

New York papers say matters are in excellent train for a good year's busi-one, cermain to the matter in controfect respect for the opinion of those who may differ from me. I think that the General Assembly has under the Constitution, the power to re-trict ; and the Convention thus called is invested with just such authority and possesses just such character as the act under which it is elected and assembles has prescribed -Hence, if the Convention thus restrict ed, shall exceed the limitatations imposed, it goes beyond the rightful exercise of power and is guilty, at least of a palpable breach of faith, which nothing but extraordinary circumstances would justify or even paliate I know that there is but one remedy, ontaide of revolution, fo. such an abuse of authority, and that hes with the prople at the ballot-box-the only remedy in fact, for the unwise acts of

Another question has been incident-Another question has been incident-ally presented, and it is this; Is it re-quired by the theory of Pepublican Institutions that the acts or ordin-access of a Constitutional Convention shall be an initial to the people at the buildt box for conditination; or are these proprio vigate binding as a part of the Constitution, without a ratifica; then the buildt box? I am strongly tion at the ballot-box? I am strongly inclined to think that it is now at les the settled doctrine that Constitutions must emacate directly from the sov ereign power, and cannot be regarded as any binding force, unless they have the popular approval at an election held for that purpose. This view is laid down as the correct one, in "Gooley on Constitutional Limitaa work of much merit and high authority, and is, as the author says in a note, the doctrine set forth by "Jameson on Constitutional Conventions." I have not had the pleas ure of a perusal of the latter work, but have heard it spoken of as an exhaustive treatise, upon the subject to which it is devoted. It must be recolleted that, in its organization this is a representative government, and that the ultimate sovereignty re ides in the people. "All political power is vested in and derived from the people only," and, hence, there can be no delegation of the sovereign power, whi h shall be thorough and exclusive. A Convention-the nearest approach to it-and it, although invested nucessarily, with great power, can not be regarded as sovereign encept, sub modo-after a manner-ap proximate only, not real. A different rule, I know has sometimes obtained but the cases were extraordinary and must be regarded as a departure from the ordinary way. The Constitution of 1776, was the work of a Convention, entirely, but then, we were in the midst of a revolution, and Republicanism was only in a chrysalls state, undeveloped and undefined, by succoss, and practical experiment. Now, the forms of government are more settled, and principles more completeiy reduced to a system. The true ru e is, for the people to be so jealous . I their rights and liberties, as to reserve the power at all times, to review, with out force and in a peaceable and legal way, all the acts of their representatives, whatever may be their partica iar station. In no case, can it be more important to maintain this right, than upon questions affecting the organic law; for otherwise, a Convention might betray the people, force upon them an odious and intolerable Constitution from whose burdens they could get no relief, except by a resort t. the ultima ratio populi-the right of revolution. We should always guard against the necessity for this resort, and it is only effec ively guarded against by a recognition of the right of the people to pass upon all the acts of their Representatives.

I know that ordinary acts of the Lo is a state of the second s wise in Constitutional provisions, --They ought always to be the deliberate will of the people, and permanent in their existence. Hence, impedi-men a to frequent changes of the fundamental law, are always inserted in all well regulated Constitutions. If, therefore, mere Conventions can make Constitutions, it is easy to see how

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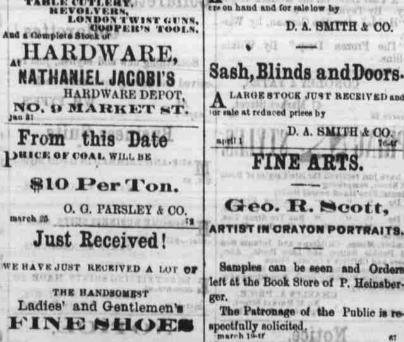


all legislative agents, even when they

keep within the lines of legal au The Constitution has conferred upon the General A sembly the whole power of determining when the necessities of the people demand a revision of the Constitution by means of a Conven-tion. By a two-thirds vote of all the GO members in each House, it is within the legislative authority to call a Convention whenever the Legislature shall BUY choose to do so. That body can only a Convention at every session. For this abu e of a power clearly granted the only popular redress would be. either through the Convention itself or at the ballot-box, by rejecting the propositions submitted for their ratifcaton. The whole power of determin-ing, is, therefore, lodged in the Ger-eral Assembly. They having the whole power, can say how far the Constitution needs alteration. If par tial amendments are, in their wisdom, only needed, their is a provision for their adoption. If a general revision is demanded, there is the Constitutional mode, and to what extent this spall be used is purely within the leg-islative discretion. The Legislature might think it highly *inexpedient* for a Convention to remodel the Constitu-tion entirely, but equally expedient for it is accurately and the second for it to revise a number of its clauses, sections and articles. Having the whole power in their hands to be used according to their discretion, the manner of its use can only be called in question by the people themselves when they sit in judgment upon the acts of their representatives. The character of the Convention, its pow ers and authorities are only dorived from the legislative bill, as that shall be embodied in the act under the pro-visions of which the Convention assembles. If, therefore, the Legisla-ture calls a limited Convention one of

any other kind can't come together. The act must be construed as a whole, One part cannot be accepted and the other rejected, and if the Convention should choose to do so it would be acting ultra vires, a d its ordinances would only have vitality by a popular march 25 verdict in their behalf, and then only by the force of revolutionary power. I have no fears of the Convention disregarding the Legislative will, as expressed in the Act. My opinion of the character of a majority of those who I think will be elected to this That has ever been offered for sale in this me





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