Selections.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

EXECUTIVE ORDER OF HIS J. P. ASHLEY.

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It is the purpose of the present Congress to consider the question of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be submitted to the States for their ratification.

The amendment proposed is as follows: Section 1. After the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, the right of the people to vote at the election of public officers shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

Section 2. The Congress shall have power to enforce this provision by appropriate legislation.

The amendment shall take effect on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, unless it shall be declared by Congress, before the end of the year, that the amendment shall not take effect until the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.
THE LIBERATOR.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND SIEGE OF VILLAL.

The President's cabinet and the political leaders in Washington are at a loss to account for the pro-
tracted duration of the present civil war. It is evident that the North is in a state of great undermining,
and the people are beginning to feel that their liberties may be in danger. The Cabinet is now in a
state of agitation, and the public is anxious to know what will be the result of their deliberations. It is
said that the President will make a public statement in a few days, in which he will announce his inten-
tions with regard to the war. The people look with interest to the speech, which is expected to be of
great importance in the present crisis. The Cabinet is composed of men of high rank and great
ability, and it is expected that they will be able to bring forward plans which will be acceptable to the
people. The President is said to be determined to carry on the war to a successful conclusion, and he
will not hesitate to make the necessary sacrifices to that end. The people are looking forward to a
glorious victory, and they are confident that the North will emerge from the conflict victorious.

MEXICO SUFFRAGE.

A LETTER FROM TERRITORY.

The news from the Territory is full of interest. The people are anxious to know the result of the
recent election for President. The candidates are said to be of high character, and the contest is
expected to be a close one. The people are divided in their opinions, and there is much excitement.

ARMS OF THE PANAMA.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KANSAS.

The Kansas legislature met in special session on Monday, to consider the annual appropriation.

Mr. GIFFORD ON THE MEXicans AND THE TERRITORY.

In the Congress of the 16th, there appears the following bill from Mr. Gifford:

SERRA.

The present condition of the Territory is a matter of great importance to the people of the United
States. The Territory is rich in natural resources, and the people are anxious to have it organized
and settled. The government has been slow in acting, and the people are becoming impatient.

MR. HENRY WILSON.

After the adjournment of the 16th Congress, Mr. Wilson went to England, where he was in a
state of great excitement. The people were anxious to know what would be the result of his
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AMERICAN ACCIDENT.

A terrible accident occurred at an American fair last week. A man was killed, and several others
were injured. The cause of the accident is said to be due to carelessness. The fair is a popular
attraction, and the people are looking forward to the next one with great interest.

WHAT NEXT?

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OCCURRENCE IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, D. C. Jan 18, 1855.

W. L. Emerson, Editor.

The following important fact has just been communicated to us by Mr. Frelinghuysen, who is now in Washington: At the Inter-State Convention in the Senate Chamber, the President was called to the Chair. Mr. Frelinghuysen was in the gallery. Some of the Southern Democrats refused to recognize the President as the President of the United States, and attempted to select another. Mr. Frelinghuysen says that the President was in the act of speaking when his eyes met those of Mr. Frelinghuysen. Mr. Frelinghuysen then rose, made some remarks, and returned to his seat. The President then addressed the Senate, and the Southern Democrats were compelled to recognize him.

THE NEW YEAR.

TO JOHN.

The New Year dawned clearer than ever before. The old scenes were passed over. The Infant of 1855 is now in the cradle. Sons, coming from the far ends of the earth with a heart full of hope, and with a proud assurance of the accomplishment of their mission, are now in the land of liberty. The year was ushered in with a fervent prayer for the peace and prosperity of our country.

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