

THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY.—The vote in the U. S. Senate, on Friday last, on the proposition to amend the Constitution of the United States, providing, by an additional article to that instrument, that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist in the United States or any place subject to their jurisdiction," was large.

Yeas—Anthony, Brown, Chandler, Clark, Corlamer, Conness, Cowan, Dixon, Doolittle, Fessenden, Foot, Foster, Grimes, Hale, Harding, Harlan, Harris, Henderson, Howard, Howe, Johnson, Lane, Indiana; Lane, Kansas; Morgan, Morrill, Nesmith, Pomeroy, Ramsay, Sherman, Sprague, Sumner, Ten Eyck, Trumbull, Van Winkle, Wade, Wilkinson, Willey, Wilson—38.

Nays—Davis, Hendricks, McDougall, Powell, Riddle, Saulsbury—6.

More than one third of the Senators having voted for the joint resolution containing this proposition, that resolution was on Saturday presented to the House; and when adopted by a vote of two thirds of that body, the whole subject goes to the Legislatures of the several States, and if the article is ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, it will be a part of the Constitution of the United States.

That a battle took place on Cane River on the 21st ult. appears to be conceded in New Orleans; but the military authorities have vouchsafed no information concerning either the battle itself or its result. The New Orleans correspondent of the New York World states, on the authority of passengers and officers who had reached New Orleans from the Red River, that the Federal forces since the battle, instead of pursuing the Confederates as represented, had sustained such heavy losses as to be compelled to fall back upon Alexandria; and that Dudley's negro brigade, "was entirely broken up in the engagement, which resulted in their capture." Whatever may be the actual state of affairs on the line of the Red River, there can be no longer any doubt that the Teche and La Fourche regions have been once more abandoned to the Confederates. The Federal troops, if not wholly withdrawn, were about to be removed, and a large portion of the quartermaster and commissary stores had already reached New Orleans.

In the U. S. House of Representatives, yesterday, Mr. Craven, of Indiana, offered a series of resolutions declaring that in the present temper of the popular mind it is unwise to attempt to alter or amend the Constitution of the United States; that any attempt by Congress to reduce States to the condition of territories is odious and revolutionary, that it is the duty of the Government to consider any proposition for reconciliation on the part of the insurgents which does not involve the question of separation; and, finally, that the thanks of the country are due to the army and navy for their gallant conduct. The House refusing to second the demand for the previous question the resolutions went over under the rules.

An attempt was made on Tuesday last to destroy the U. S. steamer Minnesota. Whilst lying in the James River off Newport News, a Confederate tug boat steamed straight at the port quarter of the Minnesota, and exploding a torpedo shook her with a terrible convulsion from stem to stern. The explosion it is said failed to do any serious injury to the Minnesota, and before the tug boat could be attacked, she disappeared in the darkness.

From Vicksburg via Memphis, it is reported that the 1st Massachusetts (negro) cavalry, fought with and repulsed fifteen hundred Confederates at Roche's plantation on the morning of Friday last. This plantation had been leased by the U. S. Government, and was being extensively worked by the lessee. Notwithstanding, however, this success on the part of the negro troops "it is somewhat remarkable that the Confederates destroyed all the extensive cotton works and buildings on the plantation. The New York Express asks "who believes that negroes whipped white men thus more than two to one?"

The Washington Star reports that "Captain E. T. Sullivan, of the 2d Texas cavalry, presented himself at the Provost Marshal's office in Washington, on Saturday, and asked permission to take the oath prescribed in President Lincoln's amnesty proclamation, which request was granted, and he was furnished with transportation to Philadelphia. Sullivan has a wife and one child residing in Texas, where he owns forty-six slaves and a plantation of six hundred acres."

Augustus Peabody, of Company C, 15th New York volunteers, has been found guilty of desertion by a court martial recently held within the lines of the Army of the Potomac, and sentenced to be shot. The sentence will be carried into effect in the presence of so much of the Engineer Brigade, as can be properly assembled, on Friday the 22d inst.

The New York Independent, a leading organ of the Republican party, strenuously argues in favor of a postponement of the day fixed for the meeting of the Republican Convention in Baltimore.

Chief Justice Taney resumed his seat on the bench of the U. S. Supreme Court Friday, having recovered from his sickness of three or four months' duration.

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