

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

We publish today the full text of a couple of resolutions for the insertion into the Constitution of amendments of one purpose though somewhat different construction. Should, by any possibility, either of these measures pass, the question will go to the several states in this shape: Whether they are willing to surrender to the general government a prerogative that now belongs to each severally in its sovereign capacity.

The bills are of a kind that it has been customary for a certain class of politicians to formulate and urge in relation to Utah. One is designed simply to increase the power of the government and diminish the rights of the people. It would constitute him a centre of power, placing in his hands an enormous local patronage, and practically give him control of the Territory, which could be manipulated by him through those who might choose to be his creatures.

AN IMPORTANT PROJECT.

On the evening of last November another great engineering enterprise was being inaugurated. It is no less than the construction of a ship canal of such dimensions as to make Manchester, in England, practically a sea port. It is to be called the Manchester Ship Canal and will connect with the sea at Liverpool. This project, which has been in contemplation several years, will prove a most important enterprise in many respects.

A WEAK GOVERNMENT.

The new French government seems to be the most unsatisfactory in a general way that France has had this century. It is pronounced by critics to be stationary as weak, inefficient and ineffectual, insecure in its elements and doomed to a speedy downfall. How long it is to continue in France, this shifting policy and constant uncertainty, is a matter no one is prepared to answer, but it would seem that the stability of things that stability of a revolution which will revolutionize one or the other, must take place at any early day.

UTAH IN CONGRESS.

Full Text of the Measures Introduced. The following are the full text of resolutions and bills introduced in Congress this session: In the Senate of the United States, December 12, 1887.

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HARDLY PROBABLE.

The first gun in the Presidential campaign of next year will be fired in Oregon. The State election there occurs in June. It is a close State, one of the closest in the Union, and the way it goes will presumably be a strong indication of the drift of sentiment upon the Pacific Coast at least, though not, perhaps, necessarily of that of the whole country.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Interesting Topics Discussed by our Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16, 1887. Editor Desert News: Among the "combinations" of the age that know as...

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The subject of capital and labor was handled without a word of comment by the House of Representatives on December 12, 1887. It was a subject that has been discussed in the past, and will be discussed in the future.

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