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 The Era of Disoussion.
Wra are evldently entering upon an era of dibcuasion, , an which the fundamental lrinci-
plea of re,publican government, and their ples of re/ublican government, and thelr
actual realization in our laws and institutions are to recpive a more thorough examination
tban bas ever before been given to them. In tom has ever before been given to them. In.
the columns of the press, in public meetings, on the lecturing platform. We find this great
work of discuselon going on. We rejoice to Work of discuselon going on. We rejoico to
see it. Doubtless many foolish things will be said, many extravagant speeches made, many
smpracticable theories broached; yet from all impracticable theories broached; reault will be to increase the intelligence of
the masses on the vital questions of the hour are always glad when society begins to wake up, and look about it and inquire. Error,
oo the contrary, eannot stand the light. Its moruge is in darkness and intellectual an man's prefudices may be, if he will only read and tbink and investigate, he will become
more liberal in spite ot himself. The greatest more liberal in spite of himself. The greatest men do not care enough for either truth or error to make any effort in their behalf.
We are especially We are especially giad that the topic
suffrage is being so wadety discused suffrage is belng so wadely discussed. The
time is favorable for f . The elections just past, so that men may advance their true
opmions without imeediately edangering
their party heir party organizations. It would have been impossible belore the late elections to
have induced the Chicago Times and the
Boaton Post to speak out upon this subject Booton Post to speak out upon this sublject
as they have done since. Now is the time for every man to contribute h's mite to the proper
solution of this great problem. What we need mont of all is or men to speak out thecir real
mentiment
s. If a man thinks universal suffrage is impracticable and dangerous, let him say so. If another thinks that an intelligent
teat should be applied, let him speak out If third believes in a propety qualusetion to a uimid beleves anow the grops of his bellef. It a
him show
fourth tōinks that the color of a man's skin thould determine the matter, let him, if he can, bring forward his reasons for it. If still
another believese that women as woll
anomon anchise, let him say so. Let us have, then, this whole question discussed from its very ur political system. It is the people forming an intelligent iudgment upon a political
question, with reference, not to partisan sues, but to its real merits. The great
couble with many of our people is that they cannot look upon a question of this kind in antthing but a partisan aspect. But this is a
time, and a favorable time, to throw aside time and a favorable time, to throw aside
partisan feelings, and to settle a great quesion, not upon the shifting sands of a tempoof principle.
fith thought, and idea grapple with mee ide Let men bring their old and darling preju-
dices to the light and examine them. Whatver cannot stand the light must be cast
sidio. Let the Arres of digaussion be heated
hotter than ever; truth, like gold, will only be purified therebby. Whatever cannot sta
the teft must be consumed. 5 Atantic cable recently tavored the lic with a despatch from London, that the
Paris correspondent of the London Poot said Paris correspondent of the London Post said gainst this assumption of a correapondent we may place the following
extract from the speech of Earl Derby, at the Lord May or's banquet in London, on the the had raged in this country, and expressing his
hope and expectation that we would soon surmount al



 The London Times says this was the most
mportant point in Earl Derby's speech, and that it contains an intmation that a propo-
sition for the arrangement of all difference between Amerlica and Great Britain with respect to the Alabama claims would be
favorably entertained, and that the duties of neutrals in maritime war might, if necessary, There can be both willing and anxious to come to a fait understanding about the Alubame claims, and that all predictions or "critical relations" between the two countries, founded o hat subject have po trouble with England unless it


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