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until they have had personal experience of
them. We can rery well remember when it
was the fashion to destroy the printing offices and break up the publicition of antitslavery.
newapapers. In those days, onr Domocratic
brethren thought such affira quite lifely and brethron thought such, affirs quite lively and
entertaining. It was the "netion of the people,"
the "voice of the masees," etc. etc. The sup. pression of an "abolition" journal wasa "good
thing," to be refocod over and applauded.
The freedom of the press, that great and The freedom of the press, that great and
glorious bulwark of ofvil iibery, was a subjeot The "whirligig of time" hos brought won
derful changes. Is is pro-slavery, and no
fanti-slavery, that is now unpopular. It it anti-slavery, that is now unpopular. It is
prosiavery journals, especially such of them
as support treaso
gnd rebelion, as they
generally do, hat now encounter the storms
of popular wrath. And it is quite amusing to see how these journals have suddenly
become the most earmest advooates for the
freedom of the press. They can feee its beautlies
now. The suppression of newspapers is not
so cheerful a subject as it once was to them. sow. cheerful a subject ns it once was to them
They view it from quite a new standpoint.
About ten years ago anti-wlavery paper Were mobbed and destroyed in St. Joseph,
Parkville, Leavenworth, and keveral other
places on the Missouri and Kasss border.
The Democratio press of the country had no remonstrances to offor. On the contrary, it
applaaded the business as entirely proper and
right. But the other day a little "conserva-
tive" organ in Ray countr, Missouri, was
"gone for" by some of "Fleteher's militia," and 101 a chorus of indignath remonstrancess
went up from Democratie newspapers from
Missouri to Maine. It was their ox that was Missourt to Maine.
gored this time.
In 1835 the party then in power in Ten-
nessee by an aty of pure tyranuy, disfran-
cbised a portion of her citizens who had chised a portion of her citizens who had
enjoyed equal rights with themselves from
the foundation of the Government. These
disfranchised citizens were guilty of no crime. The act of disfranchisement was a simple and
inexcusable act of injustice. We have never
to this aday heard a soocolled Democrat denounnee that act. But just now the State of Temnessee
is proposing to disfranctise that portion of her
people who took part in the recent Rebellion
against the United Statess Gooverment; and
we flid the Demoeratio press of the country we flud the Demooratio prests of the country
generally descanting upou the rights of the
elective franchise and upon the injustice of
disfanachising Rebels. They have not even
yet raised themselves to the height of a principle on this question. They are not now op-
posed to the disfranchisement of citizens of
African descent, guily of no reme
whatever, while they are opposed to the dis-
franclisement of Rebels who they think

 as Wade and Chase and Summer were even left
of of the Senate Committes, becanse they
were outside of any " "ieatlty"" political organization. however, the Democracy has dis
Now, hore
covered that minorities have some rights, espe-
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$\qquad$ party of districting States so As to leave to the
minority sacreely a vice in State and notional
affairs, has turned the attention of thinking men to the subject, with a view of curing the
eril, if possible, by legishation."
We would not have it inforred from the line

## Injustice by any party or under nny circum- stances. The views maintained when the Republican party was in the minority, upon

 Republican party was in the minority, uponthe great topnes of fredom of speech and of
tho press, the rights of the elvetive franchise, the rights ovenow that wer we haot in the mare
firmiy than ever, no
jority. We would see the rule of equal and exact justive strictly and impertinlly applied,
irreappeotive of party, color, race, or conditom.
Our simple desire in calling the attention of Our simple desire in caling the attention of
our Demooratio brethren to the disorppaney of
ous their present and past paitions is, if posibile,
to lead them to hase their riows upon the rook
of principle; so that they shall regret to see of principles so that they shall regret to see
injustice done to men, irrespeotive of their
party affliations or their physieal distinections; po that they shall adrocate free speech and


| Tae Finias Mathat is Irlandi. -The fallure of the telegraph lines to work beyond Valentia would seem to indicate that some diffoulty isprevailng in Ireland, and gives countenance to the reports of a Nenim outbreak. If the affair is of any magnitude, it has certainls been managed with great reorecy, for the public had generally looked upon this Penian no great matter, however, to interrupt a telegraph line, and we shall not believe in anygeneral risting of the Irtsh untit more deffite$\qquad$ Muxions Aprstas.- The latest news fromMesico indicates the speedy cvacuation of that country by the French troops, and the earlyand complefe re-establithment of the Republleas Gorernment, under President Juarez. It is thought the French troops will all have em-barked by the 1st of March. The prominent Mexicans who hare participated in the Governdently preparing to lly from the country. Imperialism is nearly at an end in Moxico.$\qquad$ still be allowed to charge the Government taxon gas to their customers. The people don't |  |
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