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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1869.

MUST WE TAKE ST. THOMAS? DESMARK is in the dumps. The snug sum of seven and a half millions of dollars, in gold, which she expected to receive from the United States for her little West India islands is not forthcoming. The treaty providing for this purchase is not even considered, and the prospect of its ratification grows small by degrees and beautifully less with the lapse of time. The Danish Ambassador has been to Washington, but he found even Seward, the originator of this famous negotiation, nominally indifferent to its fate; Sumner, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, was neglectful; and Grant was too busy with other pursuits to enter zealously into the retail real estate business. In this dilemma, Denmark appeals, through one of her leading journals, the Copenhagen Dagbladet, to the potent American power of public opinion, and the article has been obligingly done into English and forwarded to American editors, with a request that they will spread its contents before the sovereign people of this country. Denmark wishes to create the belief that we owe her a debt of honor, and that we have gone too far in the matter of this purchase, or rather permitted her authorities to go too far, to recede without disgrace. Her plea is substantially this, that the Johnson administration bought the islands, and that although it was well understood on both sides that the ratification of the treaty was essential to its validity, and that Denmark would have had no just cause of complaint if the Senate had promptly rejected it, and thus ended the whole matter, yet the American people are "held and firmly bound" to consummate the purchase, because Denmark has submitted the question to a vote of the islanders, and inasmuch as they have expressed a willingness to resign the tender care of their sovereign king, and to join their destinies with the United States, the proceeding is irrevocable. This theory would be much more tenable if the treaty had been confirmed by a popular vote in the United States. The bridegroom, as well as the bride, must say "yes" before the marriage is binding. The delay of the Senate was at least pardonable if not absolutely necessary. As the treaty was contingent, on the Danish side, upon a double ratification by the Danish Congress and the people of the islands, we should have cut a sorry figure before the world if, after we had formally agreed to take our little bride, despite her tornadoes, her tidal waves, her earthquakes, and her diminutiveness, she should have saucily turned up her little nose and refused. point blank, an alliance with big Brother Jonathan! Let the world imagine our feelings in such a woful contingency if it can, and decide whether it was not prudent to guard against the possibility of the mortifying rebuff that might have been in store for us. We see no good reason why the King cannot make his peace with St. Thomas. His daughter has only done what other king's daughters have done before, declared her willingness to obey a new lord and master, in response to his command; and as the amorous ardor of the proposed suitor has abated. there is no good reason why the usual resource should not be adopted in this instance, and the

The area of St. Thomas is variously estimated at from twenty-four to forty-five square miles. It is not half as large as the city of Philadelphia. A tidal wave which slightly exceeded the usual dimensions would submerge it; it could be swallowed up bodily by a respectable carthquake, or blown to atoms by a first-class volcanic explosion. Its population numbers but a few! thousands-not half as large as that of most of the wards of Philadelphia. No matter what may be its commercial advantages, it is manifestly absurd to give the large sum of seven and a half millions of dollars for the privilege of ruling this infinitesimal scrap of territory and this handful of people. Mr. Seward made a bad bargain, which we hope nobody will be disposed to ratify. The Danish journal has failed to make it appear that our honor is at all concerned in the matter, but the interests of American tax-payers are deeply involved in their relief from the proposed unnecessary burden.

would-be bride left to grace her native house-

WESTWARD HO!

THE ordinance that passed Common Council at its last meeting, to sell a piece of ground to the University, will soon come up for final action in Select Council. In the meantime it is for the public to learn the facts of the case, and follow the action of the authorities. The city owns two hundred acres, the Blockley farm, in the best part of West Philadelphia. The University, grown far beyond its narrow limits in Ninth street, offers to buy about a tenth part. The only question is as to the price. Some of the best authorities on this subject have given their opinion that the sale is a good one for the city. Of course, in this view enters, as an important element, the good done in securing to the city, as a neighbor to its other property the University, with its new buildings, and the general benefit in helping to enlarge the opportunities of the University for greater activity. Now, there are always men in opposition, and there are some who say this property can be sold at a higher price. No doubt there is some truth in this: if the property were cut up in building lots, and sold in fronts on streets and alleys, it would no doubt fetch more. But would not a fine open place, improved by a noble pile of collegiate buildings, be the most lasting improvement, and the greatest inducement to other cerporations seeking a permanent lodgment, and a home safe from the intrusion of trade and

manufactures? It is hard, perhaps, in the consideration of such a question as this, to lay aside the dreams of a possible future academical grove in the Almshouse fields: but is there no immediate. Practical good also to be gained? The ground on Ninth street now occupied by the Univerthy, once set free, would soon be improved and lay taxes to the city on at least one or two mil-lians. The University itself is already a source of income to the city in the large number of students attending its Medical School. Extend the same privileges to the college, the Law School, the Scientific Department, and multiply by three the dollars and cents brought into the poccets of our citizens-what is to prevent a continual increase? But, after all, the real

matter to impress on Councilmen and on citizons is the necessity of doing something for higher education here. For a hundred years the University has gone on, bringing money, honor, and credit for the city, and doing its work quietly and unobtrusively.

Now the city is asked to deal with it on fair terms, giving it the benefit of a reputation that ought to be as dear to the local authorities as it is to the graduates, and doing itself honor and credit, not by a lavish gift, but by generous treatment, just such as a great municipal corporation can and ought always to give to the lesser bodies within its limits. The passage of the ordinance now before Select Council will be the beginning of a new tie between the city and the University, likely to grow with their growth: and anything that will make mutual interests support one another will be good for both. The University can do the city honor and credit, while the city may well be proud of fostering and forwarding the interests of an institution which has for a century done its share in making and perpetuating the fame of Philadelphia for literary and scientific attainments.

THE PUBLIC FOUNTAINS.

THE Fountain Society have commenced their good work by erecting several plain but substantial structures in the heart of the city, and if any person wishes to obtain some idea of the benefits to be conferred, he has only to station himself for half an hour some warm day at Fifth and Chesnut or Seventh and Walnut, and note how many persons stop and drink. The fountains already erected have been subjected to much adverse criticism, some of which is undoubtedly deserved; but the work which the society has undertaken to perform is so important, that the largest charity should be extended to its asthetic sins of omission and commission.

We want, first of all, plenty of fountains in all parts of the city, and if the means in hand for providing them are limited, it is decidedly preerable that the ornamental should give way to useful, for a time at least, although we hope that the day is not far distant when we will have fountains of really artistic design, that will be grateful to the eye as well as substantially beneficial to thirsty travellers, biped and quadruped, during the hot summer weather. The fountains already erected are plain, it is true, but there is nothing offensive to good taste in the structures themselves. They will answer our present purposes admirably, and until the rough work of the society is performed; they are entitled to respectful consideration from who desire something more ornamental. The terra-cotta vase on the Chesnut street fountain, and, in a less degree, the gilt eagle on the one in Walnut street, are unnecessary and ugly additions, which may fairly be condemned. The vase, we are glad to see, has been removed, and we hope that the eagle will not be long in following it. These articles must have cost something, and the money could have been expended to much more advantage in erecting different fountains. The terra-cotta vase was not only out of keeping, but, with excessive bad taste, it was covered with a coat of paint, which made its last state worse than its first. May we see it no more. This eyesore, however, suggests the suitableness of terra-cotta for fountain purposes. Very elegant fountains might be made of this material for a much less price than granite or other stone, which would be equally substantial and serviceable, and it is worthy of the consideration of the society whether one or two fountains might not be made of it by way of experiment, at least. Terra-cotta is susceptible of any amount of elaboration, and if care is only taken to procure good designs, and to avoid paint as an abomination of the first order, our cold-water philanthropists can combine the utile with the dulce in the most effectual

A CASE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS. YESTERDAY a rather remarkable case was tried in the Court of Quarter Sessions, in which the rights and responsibilities of women under the common law were illustrated in a particularly forcible manner, and the practical common sense of the average modern jury was very clearly demonstrated. A man and his wife were caught in the very act of shop-lifting, and when they were arrested a "lift" skirt, such as is usually worn by professional shop-lifters, was found upon the woman. The evidences of guilt were plain and unmistakable, and it would seem that there ought to have been no possible difficulty in procuring the prompt conviction of the guilty parties. The counsel for the defense, however, put in the extraordinary plea that, as the woman was married, she was supposed by the law to be acting under the coercion of her husband, and was consequently entitled to an acquittal. This plea was admitted by the Court, and the Judge charged the jury, stating that the wife was entitled to plead the presumption of the law, and that it was for the Commonwealth to show that she was acting independently of the husband's coercion.

The jury appears to have hovered some time between law and common sense, and, after an nour's consideration of the subject, they came into Court, stating that they stood eleven to one, and asking for further instructions. The result of a second consultation was a verdict of guilty for both parties. The jury are entitled to considerable credit in this matter, but neither the judge nor counsel can be blamed. The law is a relic of feudal barbarism, and when its absurdity is demonstrated as clearly as it was in this in-

stance, the result ought to be a speedy reform. This is decidedly a case for the attention of the women's rightists, as it is clearly opposed to all their most cherished principles that the law should permit a woman to commit crimes under the supposed coercion of her husband; and we commend the matter to the careful consideration of the editress of The Revolution. It is difficult, however, to tell what course Mrs. Stanton, Miss Anthony, and their colaborers will adopt, as they at times appear to be working not only for the emancipation of the sex feminine, but for their total release from all responsibilities. In a somewhat notorious case Mrs. Stanton strenuously insisted on the entire innocence of a condemned woman, even after she had made a full confession of her crime; and there is no telling but that she might sustain the female criminal in this instance, and consider her a victim of masculine barbarity.

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### INCOME.

standing risks...... 35,700-00

Amount of cash premiums received ...... \$119,976 59 Note,—All premiums are regarded as cash. Only on a very small amount is credit given for short periods, principally on Marine Risks. Interest received from investments...... 13,881 08

#### EXPENDITURES.

Amount of losses paid during the year. . . . 857,501-33 Amount of return premiums paid or unpaid..... Amount of expenses paid during the year, including commissions and fees paid to agents and officers of the Company .. 26,167-83 Amount of taxes paid by the Company..... 2,215 45 Amount of all other expenses and expendi-

Par and market value of the Company's stock per share..... EDMUND P. MORGAN, President. J. B. MERIAM, Treasurer.

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