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POLITICS IN MISSOURI.

From the St. Louis Republic. The passive attitude in which the Democracy of Missouri stands on the eve of an interesting and possibly important State canvass is a spectacle which, one would think, ought to cause some serious reflection in the minds of their opponents. If one of two combatants, long engaged in strife, were suddenly to drop his weapon and stand still, unarmed and defenseless, to receive the blows of his antagonist, that antagonist would first be surprised, and next, if he were a brave and generous foe, would want to know the reason of such strange conduct. If told that his passive adversary refused to fight longer with one arm manacled, he would not be able to repress a feeling of shame at the reflection that he had bound his antagonist's arm, before challenging him to combat.

No such honorable feeling finds a place in the bosom of the dominant party in this State. It affects to believe that the unusual attitude of the Democracy is a party trick, the object of which is to divide the radicals into two factions, that the Democracy may at the opportune moment either put forth its own ticket or throw its auxiliary sword into the scale and decide the contest in favor of the faction it can make the best terms with. To thwart this profound strategy, the Democrat tells its wrangling party that it must "endorse the amendment, and nominate such a ticket as to command the support of the whole party," for, in that case, it solemnly declares, "with a Democratic ticket against us our success would be certain, and with no ticket against us, it would be equally certain."

This candid acknowledgment affords the true and only explanation of the passive attitude of the Democracy. We have the inspiration of absolute and foreknown certainty of victory, says the Democrat. If our opponents fight, "our success is certain; if they do not fight, it is equally not certain."

This is a shameful truth. The registration law is a skillfully devised machine—a votometer, we may call it, devised by the party in power, to measure the result of elections in advance, with absolute certainty, and to make that result just what the ruling party may desire. The lessons of two elections held under it prove that the radicals can always defeat their opponents by forbidding them to vote. That law was framed to disfranchise the majority, and to perpetuate power in the hands of the minority. Were our opponents the majority they pretend to be, they would not need to disfranchise one-third the number of those who desire to vote against them, and they would scorn to impair the value of their expected victories by unneeded advantages over a minority whom they were able to defeat in a fair contest. But they knew themselves to be a minority of the qualified voters, and it is because they know this that they devised a cruel registry law to disfranchise fifty thousand of citizens whom the constitution itself does not disfranchise. There is not a single conspicuous member of the ruling party that does not esteem this despotic and indefensible enactment as the sheet-anchor of their minority domination. There is not a conspicuous member of that party from the "liberal" ex-Senator Brown to the illiberal Senator Drake or Governor McClurg, who does not approve its wholesale wrongs, and who does not demand the continuation of these wrongs as the necessary instrument of a radical victory in November next. How- ever Mr. Brown and Governor McClurg may differ about re-enfranchising "rebels" after the next election, both are united on the absolute necessity of disfranchising some 50,000 qualified voters who are not "rebels," at the next election; and it is because the radicals believed they could not elect either Mr. Brown or Governor McClurg, under a modified registry law, that they refused to modify it at the last session of the Legislature.

The Democracy, as we believe, intended no trick in abstaining from the nomination of the State ticket. They simply mean to protest against the cowardly despotism which decides beforehand that no such ticket shall be elected. There never was a time when the Democracy felt more content of carrying a fair and square election in Missouri than now. They could best their opponents, with 20,000 white men disfranchised under the constitution, they could beat them with 15,000 new colored voters added to their opponents' strength; they could beat either B. Gratz Brown or Governor McClurg, on an aggregate vote, by a decisive majority, and carry three-fifths of the counties in detail. But no such fair election was held in 1866, nor in 1868, and none will be allowed in 1870; and the Democracy have no desire to put on harness for a fight which thirty-three registry superintendents have already decided against them.

MR. BEECHER'S BENDER.

From the N. Y. World. We are sure that no person who was at the pains to parse Mr. Beecher's lively contribution to the Grant-Bowen incident of Independence Day at Woodstock can possibly doubt the power of the solar ray to add the best-balanced wits. It is said of the Duke of Wellington that he was a fearfully stupid youth until he went out to India under his brother, Lord Wellington. There the fierce torrid heat, the "sunbeams like swords," smote upon his thick skull and roused the vegetating brain within to blossom and bear fruit. Out of the cabbage came forth laurels. Precisely the converse seems to have been true of the great Plymouth exhorter. Mr. Beecher in the cold shade of Brooklyn is a well-known marvel of all men for the sobriety of his reasoning, the decorum of his style, the coherence of his speech, the delicate and refined beauty of his imagery. Mr. Beecher at Woodstock "took on" in a way to make all subsequent fireworkers superfluous. Metaphorically speaking, he jumped upon the platform with his sleeves rolled up, struck an attitude worthy of Heena confronting Sayers, and invited the "tarnal universe to come on and get wallowed." Our readers must excuse us if we fashion our speech to the tenor of that we deal with. But really no man in "store clothes" and "a bled shirt" could do justice to the divine "bender" of the gifted orator who occupies our admiring attention. One must write of him, so to speak, in red flannel, and with boots outside of one's pantaloons. "What do I care," shouted the exhilarated minister of the highest-priced pew in America, "what our fathers suffered before they licked Great Britain? The only good of the Declaration of Independence," he went on, "is to hear it read by a good voice." Perhaps he might have been willing to admit that it would be better sung in chorus to the tune of "Shoo Fly," if his friend General Butler had caught the spirit of the occasion sufficiently to deacon out the "self-evident truths" upon that lively air. Possibly, however, Butler might not have been in voice. Swearing on

the floor of the House of Representatives at Farnsworth may have roughened that dulcet baritone for the time.

As to the late civil war, Beecher thought no more of that than of the Declaration of Independence, or squaring the circle, or "any other man."

"Dart your civil war," he exclaimed in substance, "it wasn't much of a shower after all. Measure it as much as you please, make the diameter equal with that of the earth's, then double it, and it was the least part of all that was done in that great four years that elapsed; for while we were fighting this country was enabled to unfold an example, and to make a demonstration of Government which it never made before, and could not have made except under some such pressure as that."

How the "demonstration" aforesaid was made, our rollicking clergyman next went on to illustrate a la Dibdin, with a "yo-heave ho," and that general air of hitching up one's waistband, shooting out one's quid of tobacco, blushing one's eyes, and generally raming the jib-boom slap-dash through the binnacle, which is characteristic of the truster on the boards of the Bowery. "Any yacht will stand weather when it is moored in New York harbor; put it out to sea, where the tornado catches it, and then she is brought to her moorings, and she shows you how she is made and what stuff she is made of."

We should rather think so! Stand by with the moorings when the wind blows through the millails, my hearties, and don't give up the ship! Nautically, too, did Beecher illustrate the dealings of the Almighty with this people. "The Government was saved," quoth he, "and the great line of longitude that God put around the North and the South to hold them together was not snapped." From which it may be inferred, we suppose, that hereafter these United States will do for the destinies and the divinities and things supernal generally to tie to.

Because, as our ex-cursive and extraordinary preacher went on in like manner to show, it was "all serene" with our arm. As thus, lucidly: "The snow that melts on the hillsides falls not to leave a freshet; nor is it possible for the storm which bursts over the mountain not to splash banks and undermine some trees; but you are witnesses that in the disbandment of this army, in no city or county or town in these States was any complaint made that any one suffered by the incursion or by the misconduct of our soldiers." Which naturally brings us back to Great Britain. Beecher, you see, doesn't care about the "licking" that outrageous power got from our fathers. But he rather "spiles for a fight" with her herself, because she was "disturbed at our magnitude, and wanted to see us cut in two;" and he has a mind to punch the head of France, who "held the babe (that is, these United States) in one hand while England raised the sword to sever its head from its body;" and punished the head of France would no doubt have been but for the winking and blinking of some lewd fellow in the mob, who suddenly "pulled up" the Brooklyn Pegasus after this wise:—"I see a man carrying there (pointing to a man in the crowd)—and it puts me in peril. I will shut up. If I linger any longer I shall give the untruth to what I said in the beginning about General Butler, and I know already by advance that he is getting impatient at this long speech of mine; and therefore, proud as I am to be associated with General Butler on this platform, and joyful as I should be to stand on that platform he one day expects to reach—(laughter)—I do not think it is fair for me, as I have got a profession already, and have got along pretty well in life, to stand in his good chance, and I will stop now, although the most eloquent part of my speech was that which was yet to come."

Will some one kindly discover that "carping" man and duck him in the Connecticut river? For assuredly nothing but the very improbable recombination of the Presidential intellect of the Apostle to the Pilgrims again upon this miraculous track. Meanwhile, let Superintendent Jourdan take a note of these circumstances. For if this be the effect of extreme heat in Connecticut upon so grave and important a personage as the Reverend Henry Ward Beecher, of what avail will it be to keep the liquor-shops of New York closed during the heated term against the savage hordes of the metropolis?

THE SPANISH THRONE QUESTION.

From the N. Y. Herald. Our Spanish news of yesterday was more than usually interesting. It was rumored that Prim had offered the vacant throne to a Prussian prince, of the Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen line. The name of the prince is Leopold. He is a descendant of Murat, the brother-in-law of the First Napoleon, the brilliant cavalry officer and afterwards the unfortunate King of Naples. His father is the chief of the house of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen. His mother, who was known as the Viscountess de Beauharnais, was an adopted daughter of the first Napoleon. The Prince Leopold is a Catholic and was born in 1835. A later cable despatch states that the excitement was great in Madrid, the people denouncing the Government and declaring that no descendant of Murat would ever wear the Spanish crown. It is added that the Government had officially denied having made any but confidential overtures to a foreign prince, whose name it was not yet proper to divulge. It would seem that at one time the excitement was almost as great in Paris as in Madrid.

This news, it seems to us, is valuable only in so far as it affects the very peculiar difficulties which lie in the way of a satisfactory settlement of this Spanish throne question. We do not doubt that overtures have been made to the Prussian prince. But we do not believe they were made with any sincerity of purpose. It is manifest at a glance that in getting up this cry about a Hohenzollern it was the object of Prim and the Spanish Government to frighten the Spanish people into a good feeling towards the Prince of the Asturias. It would not be difficult to show good reason why such an arrangement is simply impossible. A Prussian prince on the throne of Spain would by one stroke overturn all the schemes and plans of Napoleon, while it would prove for Prussia a grander victory by far than Sadowa. It would proclaim to all the world that Bismarck, having made himself master of Germany, had taken the Latin race in hand, and that he had made a bold but most successful commencement. No one knows so well as Prim that so long as Napoleon is in the field—nay, that so long as the French people are what they are, a Hohenzollern on the Spanish throne is simply an impossibility. But Prim has his reasons for this dodge, and if his own purposes are seconded by it the Hohenzollern bugaboo will not have been raised in vain.

To our minds it is perfectly clear that the Spanish throne question is settled. That it is settled few can doubt who have been watchful of the progress of events in Spain. So long as Queen Isabella refused to abdicate so long as she was attached to the throne, the various parties, crying within her, for escape from the country that is stifling and starving them like a Black Hole of Calcutta, win no attention from these delicate virgins and wives, busy with gossiping over a foul disease and its foul remedy. When the bill came before Parliament, so great was the disgust felt at its immodesty, that for the first time in a decade the galleries were cleared, and the crowds of itching-eared women turned into the street.

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A SUGGESTION TO OUR COLLEGES. From the N. Y. Sun. At the commencement of Columbia College in this city last week, the degree of Engineer of Mines was conferred upon eight graduates of the School of Mines connected with that institution. The standard of scholarship at this school is not surpassed, and probably not equalled, by that at any other professional school in the country; hence the diploma, being difficult to obtain, is proportionately valued, and is in reality worth something as an evidence of professional attainment. The successful establishment of this, the first instance of the kind in the United States, and the maintenance of so high a character of scholarship, are interesting facts in themselves, and furnish suggestive commentaries on the administration of many of our colleges and professional schools.

The School of Mines, by the employment of the best professors and instructors, by procuring the best aids of instruction in its museum and cabinets, and by the expenditure of no small sums of money for these and other purposes, has placed itself at the head of the mining schools in the country. The number of students in attendance during the past year has been about eighty. The course of study and the degree of excellence demanded in it are such that only good engineers can graduate. In fact, the difficulties of graduation are such that a large proportion of those who enter the school never complete the course. There can scarcely be better evidence than this of the thoroughness and extent of the knowledge required of the students who obtain the diploma.

TARANTULA-BITTEN.

From the N. Y. Tribune. What is the matter with British wives and mothers? There is a certain spider in the East the bite of which not only kills the victim, but makes him ridiculous in his last moments, by causing him to gyrate and dance as furiously as a whirling dervish. Can it be possible that this diabolical insect has made its way into England? The late inexplicable behavior of our female consorts over the water has quickened our charity to suggest some rational excuse for them. We would accept the spider gladly. The case is this:—For centuries the British woman has contentedly dwelt in decencies; in fact, what with her solid shoulders, red cheeks, thick-soled shoes, her immaculate virtue and housekeeping, her church and king, she was decency itself; her American sister, quailed before her, guiltily conscious of thin bones and aching back, of a daily mushroom crop of ideas, and a head perpetually suffering from a mild form of cerebral congestion. From the days of Chaucer to Dickens, the English girl had but one type set before her to imitate—a loved woman, chaste, devout, discreet, whose husband was her lord, her king, her governor, whose home was the kingdom where she reigned a queen, and to which she offered all that her Maker had given her of gift or grace. Forever

"Unadvised, She never wings from view of the nest, and knows not What air's from home." This type of woman is obsolete everywhere now, of course; posted as maudlin and silly long ago. We laugh with the rest at it. Yet "when Christian remembered the messengers that led him so far on his way to the heavenly city, the water stood in his eyes." About ten or twelve years ago, the British woman found herself frequently in need of bread and butter: a demand became urgent for new work and careers. Now, judging from all human analogy, one would suppose that into these new careers she would have gone as driven by hard necessity, carrying her old self unimpaired as far as possible, clinging desperately to the chastity, the modesty, the sweet and tender graces that gave her individuality. Viola, ruffling it for sore necessity in hose and doublet, yet swayed by nothing but her youth and innocence. On the contrary, the question of work is suddenly dropped out of sight. Into the field of politics, law, religion, the British sister assumes more like a troop of wild Bacchantes than reasonable human beings. There is not a vexed and foul subject which men have toiled over for generations, which they have not dragged to light and set about the straightening with the brains and fingers so long devoted solely to crochet and tatting. Men follow breathless, crying, "All right," as the fair invaders mount rostrum and pulpit, or seize ballot and pill-box. But at one point men stand appalled: Why need women throw away their personal modesty? Why drag off every rag and vestige of decency as well as their abhorred shackles? Men have been physicians, and have made laws, and yet preserved the seemly outward decorum necessary to public welfare; but how is it with their wives? The fashionable women imitate the demimonde, and the reformers, with Spartan firmness, deny themselves inflexibly a single blinch. In Edinburgh the female medical students, smiling, untrunking, and complacent, persisted in attending mixed clinics until the professors protested against them in the name of decency, and procured the division of the classes, which a word from the women would have accomplished at first. Next the fair creatures seized upon the act for the prevention of contagious diseases, a subject unfit for the handling of any but the wisest and most sincere of legislators, so great was its social import, and so foul and prurient were the ideas to which it gave rise. For the last six months women have fought to take it out of the hands of Parliament. Not only matrons, but young girls, have lectured and written about it, have run hither and thither over the country chattering and petitioning on a matter which they could have no part in deciding, and should have blushed to name. We do not hear that the other great social problems before the nation were honored by a word from them. The Indians beg-

gared by England, the protesting millions of China thrust by her to a drunken death, her wretched paupers crying within her, for escape from the country that is stifling and starving them like a Black Hole of Calcutta, win no attention from these delicate virgins and wives, busy with gossiping over a foul disease and its foul remedy. When the bill came before Parliament, so great was the disgust felt at its immodesty, that for the first time in a decade the galleries were cleared, and the crowds of itching-eared women turned into the street.

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election was throughout a mere exercise of personal influence, that candidates getting most votes who could sing out the greatest number of electors afraid to disregard his wishes. Discouraging as was the result, it did not shake the faith of the observer in universal suffrage. The principle needed no restraint only the mode of the exercise required to be modified. The emancipation of the peasant from territorial influence would necessarily be a slow one, but from the operation of equal laws and individual industry some aid might be expected towards such a result. The true solution of the difficulty lay, however, in the educational elevation of the peasantry. This would tend at once to the improvement of their industrial condition, and to the acquisition of proper virtues relating to the exercise of the first duty of citizenship.

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PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTHERN MARINE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S REGULAR MONTHLY LINE TO NEW ORLEANS. The YAZOO will sail for New Orleans direct, on Wednesday next, at 10 o'clock, via Havana on Friday. THROUGH BILLS OF LADING at as low rates as any other route going to Mobile, Galveston, Indianola, Louisiana, and thence to all points on the Mississippi river between New Orleans and St. Louis. Reet River freight reshipped at New Orleans without charge of commissions. WEEKLY LINE TO SAVANNAH, GA. The WYOMING will sail for Savannah on Saturday, July 9, at 8 A. M. The TONAWANDA will sail from Savannah on Saturday, July 10, at 8 A. M.

PHILADELPHIA AND CHARLESTON STEAMSHIP LINE. This line is now composed of the following first-class Steamships, sailing from PIER 17, below Spruce Street, on FRIDAY of each week at 3 A. M.: ANSLAND, 370 tons, Captain Crowell. J. W. EVERMAN, 62 tons, Captain Hinkley. PROMETHEUS, 600 tons, Captain Gray. JULY 10, 1870. Prometheus, Friday, July 10, 8 A. M. J. W. Everman, Friday, July 10, 8 A. M. Prometheus, Friday, July 10, 8 A. M. J. W. Everman, Friday, July 10, 8 A. M. Through bills of lading given to Columbia, S. C. the interior of Georgia, and all points South and Southwest. Freights forwarded with promptness and despatch. Rates as low as by any other route. Insurance one-half per cent, effected at the office in best-class companies. No freight received nor bills of lading signed after 3 P. M. on day of sailing.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENS TOWN.—Human line of Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows: City of Brooklyn, July 9, 1 P. M. City of Baltimore, via Halifax, July 10, 1 P. M. City of Baltimore, via Halifax, July 10, 1 P. M. City of Baltimore, via Halifax, July 10, 1 P. M. City of Baltimore, via Halifax, July 10, 1 P. M. And such succeeding Saturdays and alternate Tuesdays from Pier 46, North Street.

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