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Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals upon Current Topics—Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph.

THE STANTON CONTROVERSY.

From the N. Y. World. The quarrel over Mr. Stanton's character, which his friends have provoked, is a very pretty quarrel as it stands. To us, who, having our own matured opinions about Mr. Stanton's character, are profoundly indifferent on the subject, its simple alternatives are equally satisfactory.

From the N. Y. Times. Our special correspondent in London telegraphed us a few days since that Earl Russell had been communicating his views to the public on the questions of international law now arising between Prussia and Great Britain. The venerable statesman is reported as affirming the position, on these grave subjects, which was originally taken by Washington, undoubtedly under the special influence of Hamilton, expounded in our Neutrality act of 1794, and subsequently confirmed and amplified in the amended act of 1818.

From the N. Y. Herald. It now seems (for this new Atlantic article tells us so) that the whole fraternity was promptly called into council. Seward, and Sumner, and Hoar, and Howard, and Holt, and Daves (and Mrs. Daves), et maiores et minores of Massachusetts and Michigan, were summoned to Wilson's rescue, and all gave their testimony. The October magazine serves up to us the dish of which there were so many cooks. Its article blazes away at our poor Pennsylvania like the gun charged with trumpetry which Major Gahan fired at the elephant.

From the N. Y. Tribune. With more than one peculiarity in this manifesto the critical reader cannot fail to be struck. Though the memories of Stanton, proving him to have been an original acid abolitionist of the Lundy school, go back over many years, no dates are given of recent occurrences, so that they can be tested, and everything rests upon the present hearsay. It is that Mr. Sumner, or Mr. Daves, or Mr. Howard says Stanton told him, so that the slightest flaw of truth in either link separates and destroys the whole.

From the N. Y. Tribune. This is opposed to the positive testimony of Judge Black, who says he was present on the occasion referred to, and that nothing of the kind occurred. As to the credibility and personal integrity of this witness, we can safely say there is not a respectable Republican in the State of Pennsylvania, where he is best known and most honored, who will question the veracity of Chief Justice Black.

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From the N. Y. Tribune. The problem proposed by the Spectator is one that increases in importance with every year, as it is only the present century which has produced the phenomenal spectacle of great armies possessing industrial culture equal to those of Prussia, or our own during the civil war.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. GRAND MASS MEETING! THE CONSTITUTION AS IT IS!

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MAINTAINING THE UNION AND IN SETTLING FAIRLY AND PERMANENTLY THE QUESTIONS WHICH THREATENED ITS DESTRUCTION, AND ALL WHO ACQUISCE IN THEIR SETTLEMENT

PEACE AND PROSPERITY OF THE COUNTRY, AND TO THE AVOIDANCE OF FURTHER CONFUSION AND TURMOIL, WILL MEET IN MASS MEETING AT BROAD AND MARKET STREETS, ON SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 1,

TO SEEK MEANS TO INSURE SUCCESS AT THE APPROACHING ELECTION, TO PROVIDE AGAINST FRAUD, AND TO ANNOUNCE AND DISCUSS THE MEASURES WHICH THE GREAT REPUBLICAN PARTY, HAVING SETTLED RECONSTRUCTION,

BUSINESS INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY, FOR THE PROTECTION OF AMERICAN INDUSTRY, FOR THE REDUCTION OF TAXATION AND A SIMULTANEOUS REDUCTION OF THE NATIONAL DEBT,

FOR SECURING A SOUND BUT PLENTIFUL CURRENCY, AND AN EVENTUAL SAFE RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS, AND FOR EFFECTING A THOROUGH REFORM IN THE CIVIL SERVICE,

ECONOMY AND INTEGRITY SHALL SUPERSUDE EXTRAVAGANCE AND FRAUD IN EVERY DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT. LET THIS MEETING BE AN OVERWHELMING ONE! LET OUR CITIZENS SHOW BY THEIR PRESENCE THAT THEY DISAPPROVE ALL WRANGLING ABOUT RECONSTRUCTION,

SPECIAL NOTICES. REPUBLICAN TICKET. JUDICIARY. ASSOCIATE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS EDWARD M. PAXSON, THOMAS K. FINLETTER,

RECEIVER OF TAXES: ROBERT H. BEATTY. CITY COMMISSIONER: CAPTAIN JAMES BAIN. CONGRESSIONAL.

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