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POLITICAL.

The Impartial Suffrage Movement Among the Democracy.

Eastern and Western Views.

The Boston Post, the leading Democratic paper in New England, yesterday contained the following editorial article:

When those who talk loudest about Uniwhen those who talk loudest about Offi-versal Suffrage are taken seriously at what they say, they betray the hollowness of the dogma and the insincerity of their profes-sions by at once abandoning both. It could not be expected of them in reason that they should do less. Impartial Suffrage is guarded by proper restrict ons, so that the fountain of political power may not be polluted. Universal Suffrage means a throwing down of every barrier, in the shape of qualification and condition, by which the source of authority is kept from profanation, and tossing into the trampled arena of party strife the very safeguard that permits such contests in popular governments at all. Impartial Suffrage is strictly according to Democratic theory and rule; it is impossible to conceive from what other it derives sup-port. But its very name implies the existence of some sort of qualification; that, for instance, its enjoyment shall be put upon an impartial obedience to some requisition that is standard. To establish no standard is debasing the very authority derived; the abandoning of all conditions is an outright annihilation of the value of franchise. When the founders of our republican government laid broad and deep their plans, they had much to say on the purity of the ballot, and the due protection of the franchise. All their discussions of the subject golfo prove that they thoughtlithe stability of the structure was to depend on the soundness of its foundations, and that chief among these foundations was the protected ballot. They did hold that all power was derived from the consent of the governed; but they had never learned to stultify themselves by claiming that all alike possessed the right to vote because of their level

qualifications.

The subject has been left, all through our history, with the State Governments for their own management; and there alone it belongs to day. We realize that a new school of experimentalists has emerged from the chaotic style of thinking generated by the temporary tumults of war, who seem to believe that the bolder their assumptions hold, and whose leading tenet is that the war for the Union under the Constitution has been successful only as it has overhas been successful only as it has over-thrown Union and Constitution together; but they advance no reasons, and employ no substantial argument than can supplant the solid work of the framers of our system. The most they can say is that things are changed. But the purpose of the war was not to revolutionize, but to establish. It is not more competent for Congress to go into the several States now and dictate the terms of suffrage, than it was before the war. If

There can be no valid objections to the prevalence of the impartial suffrage principle. Base it as here in Massachusetts on citizenship, taxation, and a certain degree of intelligence, and no reasonable man will question the fact that it is calculated to strengthen the political character of every State that adopts it. These three simple and comparatively easy qualifications are perfectly fair and do not derogate from the value and dignity of the elective franchise. They bestow it with freedom enough, and still surround it with the safeguards that are calculated to enhance it in the popular esteem. Those who require it feel that it is an acquisition; to be without it after coming ple. Base it as here in Massachusetts on an acquisition; to be without it after coming to manhood would mark the denied individual unenviably. And from such considerations it becomes a possession that speaks the general authority with an appreciable emphasis.

These qualifications which we have named These qualifications which we have named as peculiar to Massachusetts, we should be glad to see adopted by every State in the Union. They are just, because they are impartial. We would like to see them set up as a common standard of suffrage, to which men of all conditions and colors should duly report themselves for examination. Color ought to have no more to do with the matter than size. Only establish a proper standard, and then apply it impartially. A rule of that sort is too firmly fixed in justice and equity to be shaken. It commends itself too clearly to the right sentiment of the entire clearly to the right sentiment of the entire clearly to the right sentiment of the entire body of our countrymen to be successfully traversed by objections. Once let this prin-ciple be fairly presented to the people of the several States, with the knowledge on their part that they alone are to have the disposal and settlement of it, and we sincerely be-lieve it would not be long before it would

be adopted by every State in the Union.
But adoption is another matter from enforcement. The most patient examination fails to reveal the authority from which Congress derives the power which many latterly claim for it, to go into the States and compel them to adopt a particular rule of suffrage, or to abolish all rules entirely. Not only is the ballot, which is the source of authority, corrupted by so leveling a process, but the primary prerogative of the States themselves is seized and trampled upon. The ballot is seized and trampled upon. The ballot loses its purity, the State is robbed by open violence, and the people are taught a lesson in arbitrary proceedings which they can as readily put in practice in the future without regard to the ballot as with. We repeat that we shall rejoice at the adoption of impartial suffrage by all the States, North and South slike; but we should not like to see that or any other sound and excellent print that or any other sound and excellent prin-ciple forced upon the citizens of the States by any outside power whatever. There is such a thing as practically ruining even a good principle by a bad method of applying it. We are at perfect liberty to discuss this matter within those limits by which our own political power is bounded, and we may set forth as noble an illustration of our convictions as local example will admit convictions as a local example will admit; but it is not allowed us to combine in Congress to compel other States to follow that example, though it were the perfection of reason in itself, and the neplus ultra of justice and morality.

[Corespondence Cincinnati Commercial.] Washington, Thursday, Nov. 14, 1866,— The movement of leading Democratic newspapers in the East and West in favor of impartial suffrage has caused a decided sensation in Washington, especially among offi-cials and Southern men. The latter declare that the South will accept impartial suffrage in preference to ratifying the Constitutiona Amendment. A well-known New Orleans editor, now here, favors it, and the Hon. W. H. Trescott, of South Carolina, who was an officer of the Confederate Government, and formerly Assistant Secretary of State under Buchanan, arrived here to day, and says South Carolina prefers it to the Amendment. It is rumored to-night that the President will recommend universal amnesty for impartial suffrage, in his forthcoming message. The Chicago Times contains substantially the above.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.] WASHINGTON, Nov. 16, 1866.—The Intélligencer, the organ of President Johnson, hitherto most bitterly opposed to the colored race, astonished its readers this morning by following in the wake of The Chicago Times. Its editorial says that "there never can be stable peace in this country until the colored race are made entirely equal before the law in regard to civil rights, 'It is desirable that after long and injurious agitation, the South should spontaneously do this," The Star of this evening advises the South to accept the Constitutional amend-

The compromise foreshadowed in correspondence as likely to be proposed on the part of the South, as a means of extracting the country from the dilemma in which it is involved in the matter of reconstruction, appears to be getting into shape, so tion, appears to be getting into snape, so that it may soon be put before the people. Negro suffrage is regarded by leading Southern men as preferable to the disfrauchisement proposed in the Constitutional Amendment, and they believe that in a comparatively brief time the people of the South can be beyond to the post of the south the second state of the south to the south these South can be brought to the point where they will concede it, if it can be made the basis of a settlement of the whole difficulty and secure a general amnesty for participa-tion in the rebellion, and a restoration of their former status in the Union. The subect is receiving much attention, and is the heme of general discussion in political cirto believe that the conference at the White House of several members of the Cabinet, and other leading men, with the President, was on this matter, and that Mr. Johnson desires to get it in such shape as to enable him to bring it out in his annual message. There is much speculation as to the view Congress will take of the subject. The proposition is favorably received by many even of those who are considered as extreme Radicals, they believing that with the ballot in the hands of the freedman, the Southern States can be kept out of the control of the secession leaders without other restrictions. This is a question absorbing public attention here now, and it will doubtless soon agitate the whole country North and South. All admit the necessity for a prompt and equitable settlement of the existing difficulties, and if this proposition should prove acceptable to the people, as it is believed it will, both North and South, the embarrassments of the situation will be obviated.

Gov. Swann, of Maryland, arrived here this evening, and had an interview with the President. Randall, of Pennsylvania, Rogers of New Jersey, and other Demoreatic Congressmen are here, in close at-tendance on the President, trying to work through certain appointments which they wish to have made before the reassembling of Congress shall prevent the summary exercise of the appointing power by the President. This being Cabinet day, but few visitors were received during the day, but this evening there was quite a large gather-ing in the ante-rooms, and the President received quite a number of the callers. The Programme of the Future, According to Wendell Phillips.

[From the Anti Slavery Standard, Nov. 17.] The people have spoken, and uttered their veto on Johnson, his policy and his adherents. The Republican party has been the mere channel through which, as the most convenient and ready one, the Nation has spoken. In fact there are but two parties to this fight, and the Republican is not one of them. The President, as the South's leader, is one. He seeks to shield the South from all loss in consequence of her defeat, and to restore her principle of oligarchy—a white of suffrage, than it was before the war. If it be, then it can be shown recorded on the programme of the purposes of the war. To say that it grew as a result out of the work up their minds that having gotten their

of war, is merely to admit that the war has wholly broken up and destroyed our republican system.

There can be no valid objections to the There can be no valid objections to the taking should be struck but once, a moris king should be struck but once, a mor-tal blow." They mean that slavery, with all its roots, branches, suckers, parasites and dependents, shall die utterly and for-ever! This is the signification of our late triumph. It is more than a partisan vic-tory. It is the declaration of a national purpose. Congress and its amendments were counted out of the battle. The Presi-dent, representing the South's claim to an immediate return into Congress, bringing with it State sovereignty still strong enough to uphold oligarchy, appealed to the people;

to uphold oligarchy, appealed to the people. They have answered him, and nailed his theory to the counter as base coin.
Congress abdicated and left the fields Congress abdicated and left the fields when it tried to stand neutral, assenting in its Amendments to the South's claim of sovereignty over the law of citizenship, yet protesting against the Executive usurpation of acknowledgment. From that moment the nation ignored them, and fought its own battle on the principle itself—impartial manhood rights the nation through. Whoaver will serve them in carrying out partial manhood rights the nation through. Whoever will serve them in carrying out this purpose they forget and pardon all his past, however equivocal, and take him to their hearts. Witness that pride of the West, Gen. Logan. Whoever tries to baulk them in this effort, no matter what his past merits, or laurels, he sinks out of sight. Witness Beecher lost in the wave he fondly imagined he could stem. Witness Grant unable to stir a plaudit on the Illinois prairies—Illinois, his own State—from an audience of twenty thousand men, one-half his own soldiers. Witness the New York Times sunk fifty per cent. in value in six months by its vain attempt to oppose this dumb but resistvain attempt to oppose this dumb but resistless movement of the nation. [This assertion, at all events, is utterly false.—ED.
Times.] This fact that no name, no laurel,
no services, weigh a feather if put into the
scale against Radicalism, is the most cheering and wholesome characteristic of the
hour. It is this that cheers us, even against
such an appalling fact as that a million and
a nalf of voters—more than six hundred
thousand in the two States of New York and
Penneylyania are still corrupt and ignorant

Pennsylvania are still corrupt and ignorant enough to support the mobocrat of the White House. We recognize the terrible signifi-cance of this fact. Put behind such a mass of besotted and corrupt tools, the pat-ronage of the Government, and the moral support of the South—if the word "moral" can ever be used in such connection-and its influence must be fearful. Still, the people have shown such true instincts, such unple have shown such true instincts, such unfattering devotion, plucking out right eyes, and cutting off right hands when they offended, that we catch fresh hope from the elections. Maryland is herself a testimony to our theory. That defeat is fit rebuke to her faithless leaders. They swindled the negro out of his rights to conciliate their opponents. They succeeded in preventing tempers from granting suffrage in the Discongress from granting suffrage in the District of Columbia for the same purpose. They gagged the late Loyal Southern Convention on that question to propitiate rebels. Of course they entered the canvass loaded with the odium of their supposed principles, and

the odium of their supposed principles, and without the strength which would have come from their avowal. Such policy deserves and secures defeat. But this defeat will save Maryland and Tennessee. Masses the state of the strength of the s will save maryland and remessee. Massachusetts nails her colors to her top-gallant mast. First among the States—dear old Commonwealth—she receives the hated and victim race into her Legislative Halls. While Tribunes and Posts, while National Republican Committees and State Committe mittees were welcoming rebels back to Congress, even if they rode over the neck of our only Southern ally, the negro, Massa-chusetts shows them a specimen of such a model State as the loyal masses mean shall exist in the present territory of South Carolina before they begin to inquire whether it, said State, has chosen any fit person to represent it in Congress.

Revolutions never go backwards. It is equally true that Radicalism travels west ward. Personal Liberty Bills, Women's Rights Bills, and all such legislation started rom New England and have "swung round This last Yankee notion will the circle." soon begin its travels, and complete them when North and South know no race before when North and South Rhow no race before the law. Then, when a million of black men aid in shaping our national policy, their race will feel the effect the world over. They will never leave their brethren in Cuba under the yoke. They will put a shield over the straggling nationality of Hayti and lift Brazil into harmony with the nine-teenth century. Then will the touching and sublime picture Maria Lowell drew of

sublime picture Maria Lowell drew of Africa cease to be true.

Her great dark face no light
From the subset glow could take;
Dark as the primal night
Ere over the earth God spake;
It seemed for her a down could never break,
So sit I dreary, desolate,
Till the slow moring hand of Fate
Shall lift me from my sanken state.

The dawn has broken, and will soon ripen into perfect day.

Even this timid Thirty-ninth Congress, which abdicated leadership and postponed action till they were "certain sure" what the elections would be, can now resume their places. Let them go back, and throwing this chaff of Reconstruction out of one windling armendments out of window and swindling amendments out of the other, impeach and remove the mobocrat of New Orleans and Baltimore; the demogogue who, but for the marvelous courage, rare sagacity and statesmanship of Judge Bond, would have deluged Baltimore with blood. We have no words warm and strong enough fitly to express our admiration for Judge Bond, or our sense of what the counry owes him for the victory over executive tresson.

If enough patriots cannot be found to impeach the President, then let the true men of Congress stop the supplies; refuse to trust rebels with the public funds. This will check corruption and bring the public creditor with his large influence to our side. At any cost, take the Government from the At any cost, take the control of all rebels, Wendell Phillips.

A Horrible Murder Revealed. [From the New Albany (Indiana) Ledger.] Some six or eight weeks ago we published in the *Ledger* an account of the sudden and unaccountable disappearance of Mr. Woodmansee, a prominent and widely-known merchant of Brownstown, Jackson county. The friends of Mr. W. were almost distracted on account of the mystery that shrouded his fate. They advertised all over the country, giving a full description of him, and offering a large reward for such information as would discover his where-abouts, or whether he was dead or alive. But no information could be obtained, and his relatives despaired of ever again hearing from him.

But murder will out, and it is now defi-nitely ascertained that the last night Mr. Woodmansee was seen (at Seymour, on his woodmansee was seen (as soymous, or away to the East, to buy goods), was his last living night on earth. He had been in one of the hotels at Seymour during the even-

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men who murdered him, as there is no doubt of his being murdered.

stab at matter. M. de Lamartine, meeting M. Alexandre Dumas soon after the publication of the "History of the Girondins," inquired anxiously of the famous romance writer if

A message has been sent across the Atlantic by a battery consisting of a tear in a percussion cap. Breech loaders generally are played out, when a whole battery can be fired by a single wet percussion cap.

nation. The Macon Journal is "authorized to state that Hop. Alexander H. Stephens is not in favor of the proposed Constitutional amendment." As Stephens is "everything by starts and nothing long," we shall expect a powerful argument from him, in favor of the Amendment, at an early day.

The retreat of a party of lawless characters in St. Louis has just been discovered in a sewer of that city. We congratulate St. Louis on the retreat of the rascals. The means of routing them seems to have been ner-sewers.

Mr. Thomas Hughes says in his last London letter to the New York Tribune: "I hear, to-day, on what should be very good authority, that an American lady, the widow of an officer of your Army of the Potomac, is on the point of marrying one of our great tory dukes. I trust the rumor may be true; at any rate, it is ben trovato." From what we have heard of this story from "our own correspondent," we are disposed to conclude that

CAPTAIN Knight of the brig Water Witch, arrived at Baltimore on Friday, from St. Arrived at Daitimore on Friday, from St. Jago de Cuba, reports having been boarded, while passing Fortune Island, October 30th, by parties from the shore, who stated that everything on the island had been destroyed by a harricane the resolution. by a hurricane the preceding day, and that one hundred and seven houses were blown down, and the inhabitants in a state of

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ing, if our memory serves us right, awaiting the arrival of the train going east on the Ohio and M'ssissippi Railread, designing to take passage on the train. About nine o'clock he left the hotel, leaving his baggage there, but taking a large sum of money which he had on his person. This was the last seen of him alive.

On Thursday last the hody of Mr. Wood-

On Thursday last the body of Mr. Wood-mansee was found in White river, not very far below the old village of Rockford. The head was severed from the trunk, and a strong twine cord, to which was attached a heavy stone, was made fast to that part of the neck left, and to the body. The string had cut deeply into the neck. The body, although much decayed, bore the marks of terrible mutilation inflicted upon it by the

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