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THE New York World fixes upon free trade as the coming great issue, and the one on which the Democratic party will stand united. The Cincinnati Enquirer thinks the plan adopted by the Cincinnati convention in regard to this question—that of relegating it to the congressional districts—the true one. The brethren are having a hard time to get up an issue, and a still harder one to get up one on which all the opposition can stand.

THE question of the legality of female suffrage in the Presidential election is to be tested in the United States courts. Miss Susan B. Anthony and fourteen other ladies who insisted upon voting at the late election in Rochester, N. Y., have been arrested on a warrant from the United States Commissioner, on the charge of illegal voting. They will be brought into the United States District Court next week. The result will be looked for with no little interest by both the female suffragists and their opponents throughout the country.

The President and the Politicians.

Cameron and the Cameronians and the other office hunting and of office-holding politicians of Pennsylvania are giving the President a great deal of trouble. The Philadelphia Post Office is the subject of discordance and annoyance just now; but it is the old struggle over again, and General Grant may expect to have frequent repetitions of it from one set or another and from different localities. There are no more hungry or inatiable people than the small partisans and office-hunting politicians, and no more troublesome and presumptuous men than the leading partisan politicians. There is but one way for the President to save himself from such perpetual annoyance, and that is to act independently for the public good, and to carry out the principle of civil service reform by keeping in and appointing to office the best men, irrespective of political opinions. It is gratifying to see by our Washington correspondence that the President is taking such a stand, and has, consequently, created consternation among the Pennsylvania politicians by his firmness in the matter of the Philadelphia Post Office. If he will stick to this policy he will be sustained by the people everywhere, and he need not fear the ire of either the small or leading politicians.

THE Austin Journal has made a profound discovery. After complimenting justly, as we believe, Mr. A. J. Evans, who was candidate for Congress in the Third District, it says: "he was only defeated because he did not have the vote in the district to elect him." We have heard of candidates being defeated by fraud, and by a great variety of other methods; but that any one should be defeated because he didn't get the votes, is an acknowledgement which could come only from a sound republican newspaper. No democratic paper would ever make such an acknowledgement. All sorts of crimes are charged when any one of their candidates are defeated—no matter whether there exists ground for the charges or not. Grant, they say, has been reflected not because he got the votes, but because millions of money were paid for them—evidently a high compliment to the American people. We heartily command the Journal's theory of defeat to the democratic press for consideration.

Our Western Diamond Fields.

EXCITEMENT AT SALT LAKE CITY.

On Saturday week last quite an excitement was created at Salt Lake City on the report of some New York lapidaries or connoisseurs in precious stones upon some specimens brought to Salt Lake by H. F. Berry, twenty-six of which were pronounced genuine diamonds. Berry says he found them, not in Arizona or New Mexico, but in Western Colorado, and that he is ready to silent any party to the locality.

Upon these representations a number of capitalists at Salt Lake are organizing an expedition for the Golconda. We have had now so many reports of these discoveries of diamonds, rubies, sapphires, &c., in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado that we can hardly resist the conclusion that these statements are founded upon facts. But as all the districts in which these precious stones are located are uninhabited except by Indians, and unexplored except by occasional prospecting miners, we shall probably have no reliable reports concerning them until we hear from Lieutenant Wheeler's scientific exploring expedition, the main body of which at last accounts was heading for those mysterious regions of Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. From this expedition, diamonds or no diamonds, we anticipate reports of most important and valuable discoveries.

THE Washington Patriot takes its leave of the public in a long article full of touching and tender regret, of which the following is a specimen:

"Our ambition was to build up a paper, which, aside from its political principles, should do credit to journalism by cultivating a moral tone, exerting a moral influence, and elevating the standard of taste. These aims have not been attained, to the extent of our own exacting demands; it is not from any fault of will or exertion. We have at least the consciousness of having labored faithfully in that service, and gained some approbation worthy to be prized; which shall cheer our retirement from a sphere of every-day, and even sorrow which attends the studious of cherished ties."

That's the way with all new papers, they all expire in a desperate struggle to cultivate a moral tone and elevate the standard of taste in journalism. The trouble they always want to accomplish their desirable ends in a single hop, skip or jump, and while they are thus employed, the Sheriff comes in by the back door and sells them out.—[Mo. Dem.]

Punch says that the next generation will wear light clothes in summer; will remove some of the public statutes and edifices which their predecessors have erected; will speak French and German, and possibly know something of their own language and literature; will have other public places for amusement open to them on Sunday besides public houses; will be better cooks will leave the tables with the ladies; but will still have the national debt, dues, debts, domestic, humbug, quack inspectors, absurd fashions, adulteration, swindlers and the income tax.

MUCH ADDO ABOUT NOTHING.—Two sets, including all the great guns among the Republican politicians of Pennsylvania, except those rolled out with Greeley and Brown, have been down to Washington to see about the Philadelphia Post Office, each set having its particular favorite for the office to urge upon the President. They say, however, that the President "took the paper," and will decide the case upon the rules of civil service reform.

A lazy dyspeptic was bewailing his own misfortunes, and speaking with a friend on the latter's honest appearance. What do you do to make yourself so strong and healthy? I inquired the dyspeptic. Fifteen fruits alone, answered the friend. What kind of fruit? The fruit of industry; and I am never troubled with indigestion.

A Kansas man was "set back" the other day by a couple of squaws entering his house, whom he had forgotten he had married a few years ago on the plains. What cheers him up is the fact that a Kansas man has decided that when a white man marries a squaw after the Indian fashion, the same is legal and binding upon the husband.

The New York Tribune says:

The long pending contest over the composition of the Brooklyn Board of Examining Surgeons has reached a conclusion by the action of the Commission of Pensions, who reorganized the entire Board so as to make its membership as follows:

Drs. Wm. McCallum and N. W. Leighton, allopacit, and Dr. Albert E. Sumner, homoeopath.

The Oxford Press describes a Kansas wedding: "When the ceremony that made them one was performed, the happy couple retired to their camp, partook of a supper of slap-jacks and coffee, after which the wagon bed was improvised into a bridal chamber, and all went merrily as a marriage bell."

Had not been for the vote of Baltimore, "My Maryland" would have been carried for Grant. Of the twenty-two counties in the State, Grant carried seventeen, and his majority outside of Baltimore is 4,465; but that city's 5,172 Democratic majority gives Greeley the State by 1,674 majority.

RED RIVER.—The Journal says the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad is now finished to Red River, and that an immense amount of freight is passing over the road from Texas to St. Louis. The passenger travel is also very great. It seems to us that our Northern mail should be sent over this route.

The Galveston News slips the following from a St. Louis paper:

"Exosomes from St. Louis to Red River and Galveston, Texas, will leave this city November 14, at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Fare for round trip to Red River, \$60; Galveston \$75. Good to return on any train for forty days, over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroads."

Army News.

The commanding officer of the companies of 24th Infantry, now in this city, will detail one sergeant and twelve privates from his command as escort for Lieutenant Colonel W. R. Shafter, 24th Infantry, to Fort Duncan, Texas.

The escort will then proceed to Ringgold Barracks, Texas, as escort to Major H. C. Merriam, 24th Infantry, and with them to Fort Brown, Texas. Upon his arrival at that port, he will report to the commanding officer, to accompany the companies of the 10th Infantry to Fort McKavett, Texas.

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