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A political agent mentions an Iowa paper as being printed on a cheese press with blue paper for type.

Read in another column the notice of Administrator Shaw in reference to the fourth drainage district.

A Western paper, with peculiar standards of value, says that potatoes are one sign and a drink of whisky per bushel at Dayton.

A horse was burned lately at Dubouque into the cracks and crevices of which a woman had crammed about \$1000 in greenbacks.

The Jackson Clarion, under the head of "Louisiana Redeemed," says "this issue of the brightest reports in the darkness of the late election."

Twenty Governors of Western and Southern States are to meet at Atlanta and discuss a great canal to connect the Atlantic with the Mississippi.

We read of a woman in Kentucky who has "a baby three days old with a full set of hair weighing ten pounds." Hair is very luxuriant in that quarter.

Blair, the prince of showmen, will be at Memphis with his great menagerie, caravan and circus on the twentieth and twenty-first instants. After that he is going to New Orleans.

Thirty tons of dead weight for one ton of live weight is the average upon railways having the ordinary gauge. This proportion is equalized upon the three-foot gauge railways.

Not less than two millions of people have traveled by steamboat through the Long Island Sound during the past seven years, and of that enormous number about forty persons have lost their lives by shipwreck.

In the general panic among the Democratic hosts that can boast of one victory, Washington Territory has elected a Democratic delegate to Congress. His name is McCadden. The World calls this "a crumb of comfort."

Doherty Commercial College, Nos. 201 and 203 Canal street, open from 9 A. M. to 8 P. M., and new students can begin any day in writing, book-keeping, arithmetic, French, German, English, etc. Terms liberal, and course unlimited.

An Alabama man won a wager that he could start his horses in a fast trot, then turn his wagon over, light on his feet and turn the wagon back on its wheels and resume his seat, and without stopping or checking the speed of his horses.

A disease, resembling in its symptoms the horse disease or hipporhinorrhoea, is prevalent among the deer on the frontier. Herds are seen in which are dozens scarcely able to travel, and numbers of dead and dying are found in the woods.

The New York World, in an article on the election, attributes the great overthrow of the Democratic party immediately to the sacrifice of its principles in the nomination of one of its most prominent opponents, but principally to the corruption of Tammany.

Lady Gibbons, wife of the Lord Mayor of London, has been presented with a full length portrait of her husband, a service of silver, and a beautiful MS. volume, bound in morocco and illuminated, containing a record of the presentation, all from citizens of London.

Two Detroit sisters ran away and got married the other night. When they returned to notify their papa, they found the old gentleman in such a state of hilarity at the removal of the burden of their millinery bills that the newly made husbands became painfully sad.

The fruit crop of England this year is the smallest ever remembered. The Gardener's Magazine says the peach wall is as bare as the apple orchard. There are very few plums and cherries, while pears are thinly sprinkled. The cause of this dearth is the cold weather which prevailed during March and April.

The leavers are damning the Upper Gypsum, and the people thereabouts are damning the beavers for their insolent appropriation of private property. The bold amphibians are cutting down and carrying off all the young saplings not guarded by the rightful claimants.

Last Monday the Western Union Telegraph office at New York sent and received 27,000 private dispatches. This is the largest amount of business transacted by that company in any single day, the famous black Friday being next to this, when 18,000 messages were received and sent.

Dulciss, in her infancy, takes a step which the comparative hoary old municipalities might imitate with profit. She has elected a historian, an official chronicler of events in the city's progress, who does his important work carefully from day to day, and to whose records the Duluth reporters of the future can confidently go for reliable information.

It has been decided by the Springfield (Mass.) courts that railroad tickets purchased from one station to another are good either way. This is a just decision, and based upon perfectly fair grounds. He who pays out his money should get the worth of it. The old regulations of the railroad companies to the contrary effect can be supported in no equitable sense.

An ingenious man in Philadelphia has found a new use for an artificial leg. He worked his pipe factory, and was in the habit of filling his porcelain tub each day with a volume of soap suds, which he disposed of on his own account. When discovered he had made a great profit by this legitimate traffic. In this way he was walking off with a goodly share of the profits of the establishment.

The departed presidential candidate in the late election may have the consolation that he is not quite the worst beaten man that ever ran for that office. When Monroe was elected to his second term his opponent, who was no other than John Quincy Adams, received but one electoral vote. When Mr. Lincoln was elected for his second term General McClellan received only twenty-one electoral votes, and the Southern States did not vote at all. With these exceptions, the last was the most quelled election since Washington's.

THE SITUATION.

As the work of counting the votes east at the late election progresses toward a close, the interest in the result becomes intensified to a degree that threatens to end in a disruption of the public peace. The contest between the candidates for State offices on the two tickets is so close that it is believed to be an easy matter to turn the scale either way. In our judgment, founded upon the best information we have been able to obtain, the Republicans have fairly carried the State, and such will appear by the official canvass if the reported irregularities in several of the parishes are corrected by the returning board. But it appears that the board, as constituted according to law or a majority of the members qualified to sit, have expressed a determination to discharge their duties with rigid impartiality and a determination to carry out the will of the legal voters. To this end and in pursuance of the authority conferred by the federal law, every voter who has been deprived of his franchise through the fault of the agents of the State will be permitted yet to vote upon making the proper affidavit. But it appears that this, just, equitable and legal course will not suit the fusionists. They have demanded the disruption of the board, and the virtual appointment of a new one, to be composed of members who will disregard the provisions of the federal law, and accept the returns as reported by the supervisors. The work of complying with this demand was begun yesterday, but was unexpectedly obstructed by the firmness with which Messrs. Hutton and Lynch resisted any encroachments upon their duties as officers of the board. Not being able, however, to accomplish any good result when opposed by the Governor, they retired to the Eleventh District Court for judicial solution of the questions in dispute. Attorney General Bolden will to-day appear upon the scene, armed with the intrusion act, to inquire into the claims of Messrs. Wharton, Hatch and Da Ponte to be members of the board, and unless they can show a better case than we believe they have, they will be quietly and promptly retired.

We do not share in the apprehension entertained by many that yesterday's coup d'etat of the fusionists will lead to a conflict of authority between the State and federal powers which will bring about a trial of physical force. For however disapproved the Democrats may be put down by the Republicans at any and all hazards, and rob them of their victory at the polls, we feel sure that the Governor will submit to the laws he has himself assisted to make, and the decision of the tribunals established for their interpretation and enforcement. Any attempt by anybody to forcibly resist the laws will naturally provoke a conflict less doubtful as to the result than the one in which the whole South attempted to defy the power of the Union. But while the result would not be doubtful, the consequences of a tumult would be exceedingly disastrous to our local interests. Martial law would doubtless be declared, and the whole State taken into national military custody. A provisional Governor would be appointed by the President, who would be charged with the duty of counting the votes over which the contest now is, if possible; and if not, to order a new election. For we may safely assume that there is a fixed determination that the Republicans shall have fair play. We hope to be able to obtain it from our own chosen officers, without being compelled to appeal to the higher power.

THE HONOR OF THE REPUBLIC.

"To spare the weak and fight the strong" was the noble mission of a republic who was the mistress of the world as long as she observed it. Certainly the republic of the Union has fought with great courage the dynasties of a century, and stands in the proud attitude of universal respect. There was another phrase "I am a freeborn Roman citizen," protected him who was entitled to employ it, and even rendered an apostle of divine truth sacred from the scourge. Having discharged and exacted all claims due to, or from foreign powers, it is, in high degree, essential that our government should scrupulously examine if there be, in law or equity, any demand on the part of an American citizen against his own government or against any other. Protection and indemnity is the right of any citizen of the United States, and the government is under even a higher obligation to secure it to the helpless than it is to comply with the demands of the most powerful foreign nation.

It has been a good deal more than sixty years since that the government of the United States was involved in a controversy with France about the terms of a treaty. The service rendered by France in the acquisition of our independence was in some sort to be compensated by our engagement to guarantee "forever" the integrity of the French possessions in the West Indies, and an "exclusive" right to use our port for war vessels. Our government, by a mistaken construction of that treaty, admitted England during her war with France to the same privilege. France, enraged, issued orders under which American vessels were seized, confiscated and sold. Our government retaliated and captured many merchantmen and a few war vessels. There was a very distinct spark of war. It was in fact a good war, only lacking a declaration to have made it a public war. Happily the good spirits which watched the cradle of our infant republic interposed the national amity of the two republics, and the calamity was averted.

There was a convention between the two powers in 1800, under which the claims of each against the other were to be considered. France claimed indemnity for an alleged breach of a treaty that bound to guarantee forever her island territories in our neighborhood. The United States represented the rights of her citizens, who, trusting to her protection, had exposed their lives and property to the high seas to the vengeance of

a power exasperated by an imputed breach of faith on the part of their government. So stood the relations between the two powers, when, in 1803, the United States purchased the colonial empire of Louisiana. The two powers compromised all antecedent difficulties by an agreement that the United States should make a payment of perhaps 75,000,000 francs in full payment for the province, and that in consideration of the sum of 20,000,000 francs, reserved by the United States from the purchase money of the province, the United States would assume payment of all claims adjudged to be valid of her citizens against the government of France. Now a part consideration of the sale and purchase of Louisiana was an assumption on the part of the United States and a quit claim on behalf of its citizens against France for any indemnity for past damages. This is a succinct statement of "the French spoliation claims" which have haunted the halls of Congress, and, perhaps, the conscience of some who may, in the past, have known citizens ruined by the delays of diplomacy and legislation. Soon after the convention of 1800 a commission was appointed to examine the claims against France. It appeared there had been more than two thousand American vessels captured by France. Many claims were rejected and a list of valid claims was reported. Then commenced appeals to Congress for the liquidation of these claims, and we may suppose that after the convention of 1800 a commission was appointed to examine the claims against France. It appeared there had been more than two thousand American vessels captured by France. Many claims were rejected and a list of valid claims was reported. 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