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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 1, 1871.

THE "WORLD" AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The Democratic party is a wonderfully reticent one just now. It looks out upon its magnificent future (that is to be) with anything but the high expectations it entertained a few months ago.

But the idea of March was followed by the news of October and November, when there was a "nipping frost" to all their hopes and expectations.

But nature has kindly made provision for our deeper pangs of heart, by enabling us to shovel our best friends out of sight when they are no longer of any use to us; and the World can now, with even less anguish than it could have done a month ago, kick its "new departure" pet out of sight with something of that emotion which Sancho Panza felt when he tumbled into a pit in the dark, and catching with his hands upon its sides, hung there in terrible dismay till morning, only to find himself within a foot of the bottom.

But we return to the article of the Country Gentleman, which is as follows: We, the editors and scientific gentlemen have been demonstrating that narrow gauge railways never could succeed in this country, and the entire influence of the existing railroad interest is against the narrow gauge, the various projects for narrow gauge railways in Colorado, Kansas and Canada have been utterly abandoned.

But seriously, is there such a thing as the Democratic party to-day? From the World's standpoint, there is not, except in name. It appears to all the "conservative" elements of the country, so-called, to bring along their platforms for Democrats to stand upon, and they will not object to a single plank in them, if the name of Democracy can only be preserved.

time, a "lost" opportunity to kill him at the polls (tumble him down the bean-stalk) would be worse than almost any other "lost cause" they can think of.

NARROW GAUGE RAILWAYS. The question of cheap railways or greater facilities for cheap and expeditious local traffic in the State, will continue to impress itself upon the attention of our people more and more every year, until some solution is reached by them in the practical problem to be solved.

We trust that the landholders of Virginia will ere long appreciate the importance of constructing lateral narrow gauge railways, such as the Farnville, Charlottesville and Stanardsville line already projected.

A railway of two and a half feet gauge would be sufficient for ordinary lateral lines in Virginia, and it is fairly presumable that such a road could be constructed and equipped, for local traffic, at an expense not much exceeding \$8,000 per mile.

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WE HAVE RECEIVED THE CATALOGUE of Amherst College for 1871-72, together with a handsomely printed brochure of some eighty pages, giving the address of President Stearns at the opening of "Walker Hall," on the 20th of October last, and the other exercises of the occasion.

THE ECLIPSE which one of our city contemporaries says will be seen "as through a glass, darkly," and which is not predicted by any of the Almanac-makers for November, 1872, will be so distressingly visible in the United States, that no anxious Enquirer will have occasion to use smoked glass or any other imperfect means of observation on the day it transpires.

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