

The "Hen" Convention.
We understand the disaffected "hens" of our place held another meeting in Minor's Hall on Saturday last. Curiosity induced a good many to turn out and hear the "cackling," and a few weak-brained ones were lulled into the society. One took her beautiful chicks at the Democrat for its notice of their last meeting.

Well, if we see green things through our bright spectacles, we can't help it. We heard of several mishaps to the broods of some of the "hens" who had abandoned them to fate while they offered to the meeting to advocate their rights!

It is a melancholy truth, and still we need not weep over it—that the most holy things are sometimes handled by the most ignorant hands; and wicked persons often clothe their nefarious designs in the beautiful robes of philanthropy and religion. So it is, we believe, in the present instance; for although it would, perhaps, be unjust to charge these friends of Woman's Rights with premeditated evil, yet the strictest scrutiny will clearly prove them all to be brain sick fanatics; impracticable, discontented and unhappy spirits, who imagine that because they are dissatisfied or disgusted with the order of nature everybody else should be, and assist them in waging war with the decrees of heaven!

It is true that women have not, as a sex, exercised or enjoyed the same political privileges as her more athletic companions, but before they advance too far, we would say, fair daughters, beware! The experience of your very respectable grandmother Eve admonishes you to reflect before you act; a precaution which, by the way, we would modestly hint, you occasionally overlook. She lost Paradise by regarding herself with a single apple, from a tree in her own garden, and we are sometimes disposed to abide her rashness; but if she had let Eden alone altogether, and sought fruit in a strange orchard, how much more would she have deserved our censure! Experience teaches us, dear school, and it is often better to take some things for granted than to prove their truth by a practical demonstration. We should rather believe there was a lion in the way, than prove it infallibly by stirring him in his lair. Therefore, without dissuading you from entering the political fields, from which you have heretofore been excluded by the masculine budge of *he, his, and him*, we beg you to possess yourselves of the best guides, and obtain the most reliable information before you commence your explorations.

By a decision of the United States Supreme Court, persons having in their possession notes of the old State Banks, can demand their redemption in gold. This makes these notes far more valuable than greenbacks or those issued by the National Bank.

There is no death penalty now in Michigan, and the penitentiary holds eighty murderers, thirty of whom are women. The Legislature of Maine has recently refused to abolish the death penalty in that State.

A negro, in attempting to vote, was killed at Greenville, Darke county. No particulars given.

An eastern cotemporary says: We congratulate the country on the reappearance of the great Democratic truths—gold and silver change. With the return of sound democratic currency, we hope to see a return to good old democratic government, as it was when it fell into the destructive, and which even they boasted of, as being "the best government on the face of the earth."

Trade is improving.

THE VILLAINY



CONSUMMATED!

The following documents from Grant and the Secretary of State will explain themselves. As we have often said before, we are not so much opposed to niggers voting as to the manner by which the privilege has been obtained. We pronounce Grant and Fish political tricksters, who are endeavoring to subvert the institutions of the country, and steal the liberties from the people through deception and trickery. The result predicted by the Democracy when Grant was elected has been accomplished through a most villainous system of fraud, bribery, force and corruption, and every pledge made to the people by the leaders of the Radical party has been falsified.

The amendment has not been adopted according to the requirements of the Constitution, and Grant sanctions the fraud by a message which is a false sentiment as it is villainous in design. New York did not assent to the amendment—the assent of Ohio and Indiana was obtained through fraud and violence to the laws of the States and the Constitution of the United States, and we warn the leaders of the Radical party, that their works will return to torment and punish them! We do not care so much about the few negro votes in the North—it is the means by which they are secured to which we bitterly object, and we here say to the niggers who are cutting such fantastic pranks over the fraudulent ratification of the amendment, that no Congressional enactment, nor any Presidential act, nor villainous Proclamation from any source or power, can make them anything but negroes, and they will be despised or respected according to their conduct and not because they have the privilege of the ballot.

President's Message.
To the Senate and House of Representatives.
It is unusual to notify the two houses or Congress by message of the promulgation, by proclamation by the Secretary of State of the ratification of a Constitutional Amendment. In view, however, of the vast importance of the Fifteenth Amendment of the Constitution, this day declared a part of that revered instrument, I deem a departure from the usual custom, justifiable. A measure which makes at once four millions of people voters, who were heretofore treated by the highest tribunal in the land, not citizens of the United States, nor eligible to become so with the Declaration of Independence the opinion was fixed and universal in the civilized portion of the white race, and regarded as an axiom in morals as well as politics, that black men had no rights which white men were bound to respect, is indeed a measure of grander importance than any other act of the kind from the formation of our free Government to the present time.

Institutions like ours, in which all the power is derived directly from the people, must depend mainly upon their intelligence, patriotism and industry. I call the attention, therefore, of the newly enfranchised race to the importance of their striving in every honorable manner to make themselves worthy of their new privilege! To the race more favored heretofore by our laws, I would say, withhold no legal privilege of advancement to the new citizens. The framers of our Constitution firmly believed that a republican form of government could not endure without intelligence and education generally diffused among the people. The Father of his country, in his farewell address, used this language: "Promote then, as a matter of primary importance, institutions for the general

diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of the Government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened."
In his first annual message to Congress the same views were forcibly presented, and are again urged in his eighth message. I repeat that the adoption of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution completes the greatest civil change and constitutes the most important event that has occurred since the nation came into life. The change will be beneficial in proportion to the heed that is given to the urgent recommendations of Washington.

If these recommendations were important then, with a population of but a few millions, how much more important now with a population of forty millions, and increasing in a rapid ratio. I would, therefore, call upon Congress to take all means within their constitutional power to promote and encourage popular education throughout the country and upon the people every where to see to it that all who possess and exercise political rights shall have opportunity to acquire knowledge which will make their share in the Government a blessing and not a danger. By such means only can the benefits contemplated by the amendment to the Constitution be secured. [Signed]

U. S. GRANT,
Executive Mansion Mar. 30, 70.
HAMILTON FISH, Sec'y of State.
THE PROCLAMATION.
To all to whom these presents may come, greeting.
Know ye that the Congress of the United States, on or about the 27th day of February, 1869, passed a resolution in words and figures following, to wit:
"A resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:
"Resolved, By the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, that shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely:
"ARTICLE XV, SECTION 1. The rights of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."
"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."
And further, that it appears from official documents on file in this Department that the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed as aforesaid has been ratified by the Legislatures of the States of North Carolina, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Maine, Louisiana, Michigan, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, Connecticut, Illinois, Florida, Iowa, Indiana, New York, New Hampshire, Nevada, Vermont, Missouri, Virginia, Alabama, Kansas, Mississippi, Minnesota, Ohio, Nebraska and Texas, in all Twenty nine States.
And further, that the States whose Legislatures have so ratified said proposed amendment constitutes three-fourths of the whole number of States in the United States.
Further, that it appears from an official document on file in this Department that the Legislature of New York has since passed resolutions claiming to withdraw said ratification of said amendment which has been made by the Legislature of that State, and of which official notice had been filed in this Department; and further, that it appears from an official document on file in this Department that the Legislature of Georgia has, by resolution, ratified said proposed amendment.
Now, therefore, be it known that I, Hamilton Fish, Secretary of State of the United States, by virtue and in pursuance of the second section of an act of Congress approved the 20th day of April, in the year 1818, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States and for other purposes," do hereby certify that the amendment aforesaid has become valid, and to all intents and purposes, as a part of the Constitution of the United States.
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.
Done at the City of Washington, this 30th day of March, in the year of our Lord 1870, and of the independence of the United States the ninety-fourth. [Signed] HAMILTON FISH.

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