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# Which is the Weaker Sex 7

Females are called the weaker sex, but why? If they are not strong, who is? When men wrap themselves in thick garments, and incase the whole in a stout overcoat to shut out the cold, women in thin silk dresses, with neck and shoulders bare, or nearly so, say they are perfectly com-When men wear water-proof fortable! cloth shoes, and pretend not to feel the and pretend not to suffer at all! They can But a new existence begins to dawn upon tered by yours in all favor, sit, too, by men who smell of rum and tome, and I can still feel that I have sympabacco-smoke sufficient to poison the whole thics in unison with the pale-faced dwellers house, and not appear more annoyed than of the cities, although I may say with truth though they were a bundle of roses. Year that I belong to a generation that has long after year they can bear abuses of all kinds passed nway. from drunken husbands, as though their strength was made of iron. And then is that my visitors have been kind enough to not women's mental strength greater than leave me, I find how much the world must man's? Can she not endure suffering that have changed since I left it-how lost to would bow the strongest man to the earth? all sense of honesty and Christian feeling, Call not woman the weaker vessel; for had how entirely lost to view has become the she not been stronger than man, the race object of our great Creator! It seems to would have long since been extinct. Hers me, as I read these papers, that the sole is a state of endurance that man could aim of the human family is how they may never bear .- Maine Temperance Journal.

THE FATHER OF WATERS .- A writer referring to the vastness of the Mississippi river, says: "It extends 2,100 miles from the frozen regions of the North to the sunny south, and with the Missouri river is 4,500 miles in length. It would reach from New York across the Atlantic Ocean, or from France to Turkey and the Caspian Sea. Its average depth is 50 feet, and its width half a mile. The floods are more than a month traveling from its source to its delta. The trappers can exchange the furs of animals caught hy them on the Upper Mississippi for the tropical fruits gathered on the banks below. The total value of steamers afloat on the river and its tributaries is more than \$60,000 .-000, numbering 1,600 bonts, with more than twice the steamboat tonnage of England. It drains an area of 1,200,000 sq. miles, and washes the shores of twelve powerful States. In one single reservoir at Lake Pepin, from Wisconsin and Minnesota, 2,500 miles from the sea, the navies of of the world might safely ride at anchor.



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# A Voice from Mount Hood.

is this to have an existence in civilized com-En. Anous-Dear Sir: In my solitary munities, and in the nineteenth century!dwelling amid these mountains near the Why should the vile compounds be allowed base of Mount Hood, I have lived for to land on our shores-why should they be many, many years, even till my head is do you legalise those dispensers of death, grown as white as the lofty summit of the which madden, impoverish, and infuriate hoary giant that overshadows my lonely your fellow-citizens? cabin, seldom visiting the settlements, and

But I am happy to see by the papers the settlers very seldom visiting me. But which I have, that you are making great efforts to rid the land of this fearful evil. fortable: woollen hose, and incase the of late days there come once in a while I cannot help you but with my prayers.whole in india-rubbers to keep them from some visitors to see "my old friend," and All my sympathies are with you. If one freezing, women wear their silk hose and they drop in with me betimes to rest them- plan fails, try another, and of May. We are indebted to Tracy & subject. It engrosses her thoughts by day selves, and this is the only means left to still another-and bear in your memory Co., and to F. J. Hollister, Esq., for full and her dreams by night-and she pictures cold when men cover their heads with me by which I can hold communication that it is the cause of God and the moral files of Eastern papers. furs, and then complain of the severity of with the world beyond my reach. Many are battling for-that the united prayers of the weather, women half cover their heads years of my solitude I never saw the face suffering millions are with you-that the con, Esq., for a copy of the Alta Califor- in the mirror, and, as it generally tells a with straw bonnets, and ride twenty miles of a white man, and I grew as it were a right arm of the Most High will nphold nia, from which we take the following: in an open sleigh, facing a cold north-wester thing apart from the world I had left .- you-and earnest and ferrent prayers for

THE OLD MAN OF MOUNT HOOD.

#### To the Democracy of Oregon.

ED. Angus: Permit me for the first time

feelings through the columns of a newspa-In many of the books and newspapers per. The time has come when we should unmask the hidden principles of the pro- ly, forming a Southern Convention slavery propagandist party, whereby they 1st and 2d of May, under rule of twodestroy one another. I cannot read with-associated with such a band of wholesale lows: Douglas 1451, Guthrie 361, Dickout a sense of horror at the awful depths and highway robber; than they would with inson 7, Lane 6, Hunter 42, Davis 1, Tonto which man has descended in order to a band of negro-stealers; for I hold that cey 21, Pierce 1, Johnson 1. stealing a man's principles and applying acquire a little of this world's goods, I speak of the moral degradation of drunkenness, and the vile manufacturers thereof. by you gain a man's vote and use it against him with deadly eff et) is the lowest petty of June.

There is no age of the world that has not suffered from this fearful scourge, and still stealing that could be invented-worse The Southern Convention voted an admoral majesty of God's image becomes a pig. But they dare not approach yoa, vention at Washington, June 11th. desolate and unsightly ruin. How humil-for their dyed-in-the-wool principles, but 195 to 55. iating it is to think that the godlike intel. of their dyed-in-the-wool principles, but 195 to 55.

lect of man should be so stretched and will say, in the free States, "We are tortured to invent a more speedy means of squatter sovereignty men." "But at what of the Convention was effected by the hurrying his fellow-being away from the stage of human existence. I find in one of says free-State Democrat. "O, well, I these papers an article purporting to be don't precisely know." We answer that

written by a Mr. Udolphe Wolfe, of 'Schel- que tion, whenever they find they have a the 1st of May, and was addressed by dam Schnaps' notoriety. He tells us that, majority of 'squats,'-and they are always Yancey and others. It adopted the mawhile in the New York Custom House the careful to select just such men for Repre jority platform which was rejected in the returns show an actual importation of 20.- sentatives as would vote to extend slavery 000 half casks of brandy, 55,000 grs., and over Oregon to morrow if they had the ident.

23,000 eighths, twenty or thirty times that power. Or, if they had not the power,

French brandy, newly-imported and of the candidates of the Lane party this year to be the only National Convention.

A SENSIBLE WOMAN .- The Taunton brandy will be mixed twenty gallons of a the time the Constitution of Oregon was position. spurious compound. Three fourths of all submitted to the people, who have been the mixers and jobbers of the day. But tervention as firmly as Judas Iscariot was of times for Douglas.

### Women at Twenty.

No. 7.

When a young girl reaches the age of fifteen or sixteen, she begins to think of the mysterious subject of matrimony-a state. the delights of which her youthful imagination shadows forth in the most cantivating over the Territories. The following are forms. It is made the topic of light and incidental conversation among her companions, and it is recurred to with increasing interest every time it is brought upon the tapis. When she grows a little older she ceases to smatter about matrimony, and thinks more intently on the all-important to herself the felicity of being welded to the youth for whom she cherishes a secret but consuming flame. She surveys herself flattering tale," she turns from it with the pleasing conviction that her beauty will enable her to conquer the heart of the most adopting the minority report as a substi- obdurate, and whoever else may die in a state of " single blessedness," she is destined to become, ere many years roll by, a happy

> From the age of eighteen to twenty is the very witching time" of female life. During that period the female heart is more susceptible to the soft and tender influence of love than at any other; and we appeal to our fair readers to say whether, if inclination was alone consulted in the business, more marriages would not take place during this ticklish season than in any in which it is preceded or followed? It is the grand climax of love; and she who passes it without entering lato the state of matrimony, may chance to pass several years of her life ere she is caught in the meshes of lymen. The truth is, that the majority of women begin to move more thoughtfully when they have turned the age of twenty. The giddiness of the girl gives place to the sobriety of the woman. Frivolity is succeeded by reflection; and reason reigns where passion previously held undisputed sway. The care and anxiety of life press themselves more pulpably; they tend to weaken the effect of the sanguine anticipation of unmingled felicity in the marriage state, which the mind had formed in its youthful dreams. In

THE MILLENNIUM .- Dr. Cumming has been stating his opinion at Leeds respecting the great events which, according to his interpretation of the Look of Da island The Seceders' Convention was held on the Apocalypse, are looming in the future, He said the year 1867 seemed to end 6.000 years of the world's history, and from the earliest period onward it had been of the Ohio, " that no regulations made or Bayard, of Delaware, was chosen Pres- the almost universial belief that the six to be made by Congress should tend to days of creation were typical of those 6,000 years, and that the seventh day of creation, or the Sabbath, was typical of the millen to enact such "regulations" was plainly nial rest of 1,000 years. But they would implied; and that by the acceptance of this The Pacific Railroad resolution was say, that, supposing this were so, they stipulation Congress pledged itself to rec-

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cordingly. CBT Obituary notices will be charged half the above rates of advertising. CBT Jos Paisriss executed with neatness and

dispatch. Payment for Job Printing must be made of delivery of the work.

### Legislation by Congress in the Territories.

The National Intelligencer some time since published a series of articles on the question of the severeignty of Congress some of the conclusions at which it arrived; From our citations, then, it appears-

1. That in the first legislation of Congress with regard to the Northwest Territory, under the old Confederation, no rastriction was placed on the extension of slavery by the act of April 23, 1784.

2. That such a restriction, accompanied, however, with a clause for the rendition of fugitive slaves, was subsequently passed by Congress in the adoption of the ordinance of 1787, on the 13th of July in that year.

3. That this ordinance was passed unanmously by the Continental Congress, and that its engagements were known to the framers of our present Constitution, which, by the first clause of its sixth article, (declaring "all engagements entered into befora the adoption of the Constitution as valid against the United States under the Confederation,") has been commonly held to confirm the articles of compact contained in the ordinance of 1787.

4. That the Constitution, by this clause, and by the general provision investing Congress with power to "dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States," was understood at the time of its formation to coafer upon the National Legislature a grant of power ample to meet the requirements of the Territorial legislation already adopted under the old Confederation, which legislation could thus be constitutionally reaffirmed under the new charter, even if it had been unconstitutionally passed under the Articles of Confederation.

5. That Congress accordingly proceeded by the act of the 7th of August, 1789, to reaffirm the provisions of the ordinance of 1787, a step which could not have been legally taken without a grant of power supposed to be adequate to the exigencies of the case.

6. That the power of Congress to prohibit slavery in the Tetritories of the Union received by this act an endorsement under the present Constitution in the first Congress of the United States, which coauted among its members fourteen who had sat in the Convention at Philadelphia, Mr. Madison being of that number.

7. That this same Congress, on the 2d of April, 1790, accepted from North Carolina the deed of cession in which it was stipulated, with regard to the Territory south emancipate slaves."

8. That by this stipulation on the part of North Carolina the power of Congress in the ceded territory, which it could not have lawfully done unless its power had 9. That the power was so understood and expounded by Madison in the debates had in Congress in 1797 on the admission of Tennessee into the Union as a State. 10. That by the act of April 7, 1798, organizing the Territory of Mississippi, Congress volunteered to sanction the institution of slavery -- a proposition for its restriction and prohibition having obtained but twelve votes in the House of Representatives. 11. That the debate had on the question raised in the case of Mississippi, the power of Congress over slavery in that Territory was conceded on all hands to be absolute; but that Congress yielded to the force of representations by which it was sought to show that in exercising this absolute power respect should be had to the different situations of different territorial regions, iff some of which slavery might be properly prohibited and in others allowed on grounds of political propriety and expediency, subject to the discretion of Congress. 12. That at that early period in our parliamentary history this discretionary powhe had uttered were not the dreams of er was exercised without intolerance or exfanaticism, but the words of soberness and action on the part of either the North or the South. 13. That in the same act of 1798, sanctioning slavery in the Mississippi Territory, Congress "regulated" the institution by forbidding the importation into Mississippi of any slaves from any port or place without the limits of the United States; and as this prohibition was laid upon the said Territory prior to 1808, it proceeded on the supposition that Congress had absolute jurisdiction in the premises, and could exercise with regard to the Territories a power which it was forbidden to exercise at that date with regard to such States as might desire to continue the importation of slaves from Africa. 14. That the doctrine of popular sovereighty was not only unknown at this early period, but was expressly repudiated by Congress and by the General Government with reference alike to the Territorics of the North and of the South. 15. That on the acquisition of Louisiana Congress proceeded to gavers, the new territory by virtue of the same plenary authority understood to be conferred by the clause empowering Congress " to dispose of and make all needful rules and regulations, respecting the territory or other property belonging to the United States." 16. That the madern Democratic theory which restricts the intendinent of this claus o Pyramid Lake in Carson Valley has been to the veritory belonging to the Union at the date of the formation of the Constitution was expressly repudiated by the friends, of the Louisiana purchase. 17. That, in organizing the Territory of Orleans and in setting off the District of of 25 killed. Great preparations are be- Louisians, Congress assumed at once to Gen. Jose de la Concha, late Cap- ing made by the Governor of California slavery in the new possessions acquired by sanction and "regulate" the institution of

[From the Argue Extra, Monday morning last ] Later from the East!

Convention adjourned to meet at Balti-more on the 18th of Junet

The Panama arrived at Portland last night bringing dates from the East to 5th

We are under obligations to J. M. Ba-The Charleston Convention.

A rate 30 .--- The question was taken on tute for the majority report, and it was adopted by 165 ayes to 138 notes.

Sr. Louis, May 5 .- The Convention rejected the majority report, which protected

bride.

in my life to give publicity to some of my all the rights of property against Congres-feelings through the columns of a newsee ever Federal authority extends: whereupon Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, and Texas arouse from our lethargy, buckle on our withdrew entirely; and South Carolina, armor for the continuance of the war, and Georgia, Arkansas, and Delaware, partial-

are treacherously trying to delude, mislead, thirds of all States, fifty-seven ballots withand deceive a great portion of their pres- out choice, and Douglas's highest vote, ent followers, men who would no more be 1521; his lowest, after 23 ballots, 1511

Last ballot, Douglas 1511, Guthrie them to their own aggrandizement (where- Lane 16, Hunter 201, Dickinson 2, Davis 1, On the 3d of May, the Convention adjourned to meet at Baltimore on the 18th

it goes on increasing till the beautiful and than stealing the last acorn from a blind dress, and resolutions for a Southern Con-

The resolution to meet in Baltimore on

The dispatch says that the adjournment

THE BOLTEES' CONVENTION.

Convention before the split,

A proposition to take the name of Connumber are sold by mixers and jobbers to that's the principle. And, to prove the stitutional Democracy, was, after long deretailers and country dealers as genuine fact, you will find a large majority of the bate, voted down, the delegates claiming

choicest brands. With one gallon of pure composed of men who voted for slavery at adopted, but not without considerable op- were at this moment near 140 years short ognize and sanction the institution of slave-"A few evenings ago a party of Spirit- for the express purpose of adulteration by pledged to Jo Lane and Congressional in-Indiana delegation who voted that number that a mistake of upwards of 100 years

NEWS BY PONY EXPRESS! NO NOMINATION AT CHARLES-TON!

(Mass ) Gazette, of a late date, relates the following incident:

unlists were assembled at Taunton, Mass., for the purpose of witnessing the usual phenomena. Directly opposite lived a lady who had recently lost her husband, and in the course of the evening the spirit of the deceased made himself known through the medium. Thinking the widow would like to hold intercourse with her late companion, a deputation was sent to her residence to inform her of the fact, and request her attendance. It was rather late, and she had retired for the night. On hearing the knocking at the door, she arose and put her head out the window, and inquired what was wanting. On being informed that the spirit of her late husband was awaiting her across the way, she replied that when living he had never been known to visit there, and as he had got so near, she thought he might as well come to his own house and visit her; but as he did not desire to do so, she would leave them to entertain him as they best could. With that she shut the window and left her visitors to return without her."

HUMAN DEPRAVITY .- Hereditary conditions in parents cause depravity in their children, by deranging the body. It is what men cat and drink, it is how they live, sleep, etc., it is their physiological conditions and habits, that cause nine-tenths of human depravity. Are not both children and adults depraved when cross, and cross because sick; that is, rendered sinful by being unwelly Who does not know that drinking engenders depravity-makes the best of men had? But why, and how? By disordering the body. And since by alcohol, why not by tobacco, gluttony, or any other wrong physical state? Are not drankenness and debauchery concomitants? Are not dyspepties always irritable? The srath is, that all abnormal physicial action cause abnormal mental action, which is sin. To become good, and answer the end of their being, men must live right-must learn to cat right, and sleep, exercise, bathe, breathe, etc., in accordance with nature's requisitions. And nine tenths of the evil in men have this purely physicial origin, and can be cured by physicial means. -Self-Instructor.

STATISTICS OF THE FIGHT .- Bell's Life ceived 69 blows, and Heenan 19,

Austala -- The London Times says :---" It seems that the world is destined to be disppointed in all its hopes of Austria, and that we have in her a Power which seither experience can teach nor calamity sword canes, and many other things that I So mote it be.

the foreign brandies and gins are imported clandestinely bought over, and who are very few of the self-styled importers of for the thirty pieces of silver, brandy and other liquors are such in reali- But I will venture to say, let the presty; they may import enough to furnish a eat canvass be run under its true garb and Donglas. ands of gallons of a certain kind of 'for- party could not get a corporal's guard .eign' liquor, has not imported five pipes in But that wou't do, says Pro-Slavery Party; Custom House books.

ployed. From the vegetable come opium, tobacco, henbane, strychnine, coculus Indicas; from the earths, they become too numerous to detail; from the acids, oil of vitriol, muriatic acid, and many other medicinal poisons. These baneful ingredients, mixed with other articles, are sold to the credulous public under the names of Scotch,

Irish, Bourbon, and Monongahela whiskies, rum, gin, wines, lager beer, &c. The great bulk of 'Bourbon whisky,' so called, was never in Kentucky. It is a wellknown fact that the Cincinnati whisky can having been fixed up in France and stamp- bor, you degrade your nation. ed with a French brand, are returned to French article. Oporto, as an example,

and Heenan not once: Savers was thrown have on its consumers-crimes of every 13 times, and Heenan once: Savers re- grade, madness, suicides, assassinations, murders-till in fact you cannot walk in You are like a drowning man in his last Each one thinks it necessary to provide for, establish the theory that negroes are himself with some life-destroying instru- common property, and you lose thirty Repment - bowie-knives, revolving pistols, resentatives in Cdagress, for common propslung shots, loaded sticks, iron hands, erty has no representation in Congress .-

cannot mention. What a state of things Molalla Garden, April 30, 1860.

chalk for its tenon, wedged in a basin of the Illinois Senator will have to succumb.

everywhere. This is your last bulwark - mixture.

murders-till in fact you cannot waik in safety in your most public thoroughfares! expiring struggles, eatching at a straw; thir ternth birthday recently-being fifty-between 105 whites and about 500 Indi-

One hundred and fifty guns were fired at

cleak to cover their criminal practices, but essence of principle,-say free State and leans to protest against the action of the that is all. One man who has sold thous- slave State parties-and the pro-slavery citizens of Louisiana, in committing the State to disunion and secession.

The Douglas papers declare that the reas many years. This is proved by the we must hold on to the old name; we have anti-Douglas organs claim that the adhidden many a dirty trick by that old journment kills him as dead as a door-nail. name, for you know we elected James Bu- They say Douglas went to Charleston with subtile poisons, taken from the vegetable chanan by that name; to be sure, we had all the strength he could possibly raise. and mineral kingdoms, are recklessly emhe answers our purpose as well as if that is contended that the Democratic Senate that there some in that assembly who had been coupled off. But you can no will force Douglas to take position on the longer mask your principles under that old questions of the day that will damage him charm-no longer gag the bold and self. in one section or the other. They will rethinking freemen of this county or State. vive the cancus slave-code resolutions, and a European war was looming, more dread-thinking freemen of this county or State. Free labor, free State, free speech, and free discard him--if for them, he is politically press, is as sure to triumph as the earth dead in the North. The Administration rolls on in its course. But men who think also will wage a wer of extermination on the world has been standing on a piece of his followers, and such a fuss made that

> und for its sills, will still continue to vote THE CHINESE .- It has been considered for the old name, and but few others. For that the Chinese were not an inventive peo-

this country and sold as a truly Simon-pure arm conviction that the sun has shone upon this took place in the traditionary period brows are finely penciled, and there is a the last slave State within the limits of our when the Yellow Emperor, having passed bad, sinister expression about his eyes and never has distilled at any period of her history more than supplied her own market present slave States should take place; for top of which was a figure that always some man, but his countenance, head, and and her regular English customers, and should Congressional intervention carry pointed to the North, and thus the route entire bearing give no evidence of commanyet there is not a more common beverage the sway, the same power that can legis- discovered. The effect of lodestone was al- ding intellect or traits of character such as late slavery into a Territory can legislate so mentioned in their dictionary. We are we look for in a superior general or states-Of course it is made at home, and among it out. The rule must work both ways, also probably indebted to the Chinese for man. Miramon is nothing of the kind .its ingredients will be found spoiled claret, and we, having the majority, as we are the Mariner's Compass; for it had long been He is a butcher at heart, and, like those logwood, alum, red saw-dust, beet root, sure to have, of course will prohibit it from known to them before it was to us, and around him, an exaggerated monkey in whisky, gypsum, and bitter almonds. Va- going in. On the other hand, if popular Marco Polo made a visit to China, and no statesmanship. He owes his present posirious preparations of lead are employed to sovereignty should triumph, we would al- doubt communicated it from them to his tion and fame simply to the paneity of anygive to inferior Madeira and Sherry wines ways have three votes to one pro-slavery countrymen. Gunpowder was invented thing above the rank of mediocrity in Mexithe appearance and flavor of the best .- vote; hence you are headed off there .- there many centuries before it was known co in these days, and to the other fact that Heenan and Sayers. According to the Can any one wonder, when knowing these Now comes your last resort, namely, that in England, but was only used for fire- the clergy seized upon him as a pliant tool. table, Sayers was knocked down 29 times, things, at the results it must inevitably negroes are common property, not local- works; and, strange to say, the component that the Dred Scott decision carries slavery parts were nearly the same as the European

> two years of age. He was born on the 29th February.

w. n. tain General of Cubs, has been killed in to send aid to the Americans, and solun- the treaty of 1803. Spain in a dual with the Morquis Paracla. teer companies are already being organized. 18. That the power of Congress over the

of the 6,000. It was a remarkable fact, The Democrats of Indiana fired fifty- however, that the ablest chronologists, irre been plenury and discretionary on this subseven guns at Indianapolis, in honor of the spective of all prophet theories, had shown ject, had been made in calculating the chronol-St. Louis, in honor of the votes given to ogy of the world, and that the year 1860 of the Christian era began not from the A meeting has been called at New Or- year 4,004 of the world's history, but in the year 4137, and that the year of Christ's birth was five years before that, in 4132. If his premises were just, then they were at cess will benefit their candidate; but the that moment within seven years of the exhaustion of 6,000 years; so that if 1866 was to be the termination of this economy they had arrived at the Saturday evening of the world's long and dreary week. If opposition to consolidate against him. It this were so, it was a magnificent thought would never die. They were plunging into days such as they had never yet seen; a European war was looming, more dread-

cently passed, and when these things happened it would be seen that the sentiments truth

MIRAMON'S PERSONAL APPEARANCE ----the time has come when American freemen ple, but this was a mistake. The art of Miramon appears to be about twenty-eight always command from \$5 to \$7 a dozen. will shake off the fetters and burst asunder printing was known in China nine hundred or thirty years of age, five feet nine inches There is no doubt that a great majority of those rotten bands that now try to enslave years before any knowledge of it prevailed high, and of slender, genteel figure, which our foreign liquors, so termed, once left our them; for whenever you enslave labor, you in England. Printing was first introduced is well set off by his fine uniform. He has shores in the shape of whisky, and, after degrade it, and whenever you degrade la- into Europe early in the fifteenth century, beautiful brown hair, wears moustache and The Chinese printers were generally itiner- goatee a la Napoleon, and his complexion is But het me say in conclusion, it is my anis. They discovered the magnetic needle; not dark but slightly muddy, his eye-

> INDIAN HOSTILITIES NEAR WASHOE .--the scene of barbarous Indian outrages por A man in Bangor celebrated his lately, a fight having taken place thereat ans. The whites were defeated with a loss