

Woman Suffrage in Maine.

On the 19th inst., a bill was introduced into the House of the Maine Legislature, the object of which is to extend the elective franchise to women at the Presidential elections.

A Blockade Unbroken.

The river blockade which so long interrupted communication with Eastern Oregon, ceased sometime since; the Union Pacific Railroad has also "busted" the blockade, so that the countenance of the Slope smiles all over; but the people's blockade, which shuts out the Democracy from securing "fat offices and rich stealings," is growing more and more impervious, and its chilling breath is drifting that persuasion farther and farther into the ice-fields of passivity.

Merit Will Triumph.

A Democratic journal says: "We have an enemy before us that will require all our energies to overcome." We suppose that the enemy to which this refers is the Republican party. It is strong in its code of principles, impervious in its devotion to them, invincible in its unity and determination, and of a godly size. It has no departure schemes, neither does it propose to remain passive; but feeling its cause to "be just, it fears not" to abide the issue of its cause before the American people, confident that before that tribunal, in the coming contest, as in the past, merit will be rewarded in its complete triumph.

HIGH OLD TIME IN CHINA.—A large day in China will be the occasion of the marriage of its Emperor, which is to transpire soon, he having imported a pair of massive elephants to assist in the ceremony. His future consort has been undergoing a careful training in the etiquette of court life for some time. For three years past the looms of Nankin, Hongchou and Canton, have been laboring night and day on the silks and satins for her bridal trossau, which they have just announced as completed, at a cost of nearly \$500,000 in our money. When the bridegroom goes forth in a car drawn by elephants, his bride is to be borne to her palace in a palanquin composed entirely of a string of pearls.

WILL THEY, OR WILL THEY?—The Mobile Register says that the Democracy has tried everything in the last year, or so, and failed; and now says: "Why not rally upon the adamant foundation of the Constitution," etc. Brick Pomeroy says the Democracy is on the road to the devil. Southern Democrats, like the Mobile Register, a few years ago, said the Constitution was a league with hell. Is this advice of the Register the result of desperation? Will they heed the awful advice?

A WIFE FOR FOUR DOLLARS.—Some four years ago, a man named Henderson, in the State of New York, sold his wife to a neighbor for four dollars. Recently the four dollar purchase eloped with another man; whereupon the purchaser sued out a writ of replevin as he would for an ox or a horse. At last accounts the case was awaiting adjudication, eminent counsel being retained on both sides.

INTELLIGENCE AND VIRTUE NECESSARY.—Intelligence and virtue existing among the citizens, are necessary to the life and growth of a representative government. In proportion as these prevail, will the nation be strong and free. This sentiment is corroborated by the history of the past in the experience of nations, and in the utterances of wise statesmen, philosophers and political economists.

"United we stand, and divided we fall," says a Democratic contemporary, after giving several Democratic journals "fits" for pitching into ex-Governor Whiteaker. The unity and harmony now existing in the Democratic family is most lovely to behold. Old mother Democracy can't coax, scold, spank, nor cry her unruly brats into obedience to her behests, or agreement among themselves. She has been "double-minded" herself, and now every one of her miserable progeny is "unruly in all his ways." Here in Oregon her children scout at the old lady's desire to be "passive," and assuming a wise and lofty look, strut about like peacocks with new tails, and claim to be the "real genuine" article of old fashioned Democracy. In one particular their resemblance to the old kind is very good; nearly every other fellow wants an office. Every lawyer among them wants to serve the dear people in Congress, and no finite mind can possibly tell how many others are aspiring in the same direction. The Democracy of Oregon can unitedly stand and sing: "Dear people, kind people, do give me an office." How beautiful it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Aint't it?

A GOOD SUGGESTION.—A Baltimore telegram of the 17th has the following good suggestion: "C. C. Fulton, of National Republican Committee, and who is known to have the full confidence of the President, says, in the American this morning, that those holding offices should refrain from attending the Philadelphia Convention as delegates. We disclaim any lack of appreciation of the office-holders as a class; our purpose has been to prevent them from being present in position, as it would give their defamers an opportunity to avail themselves of the peculiar clamor they have been so diligently at work to raise for the purpose of damaging Grant. If those holding commissions under him should be present in force, his re-nomination would be held up as the work of the bread and butter brigade. It seems to us so important and desirable that the membership of the convention should directly be from the people, that it is a token of surprise that any earnest friend of the Board holding office should not see the propriety of keeping away from it. Opponents to Grant's nomination would like to see many office-holders in the convention. It would be playing into their hands, and apparently sustaining their oft repeated declaration that he is using exertions to secure the nomination. Of one thing we are certain, they will please the President.

DIDN'T LIKE TO.—A Mississippian owned a clock that had got out of order, and all his efforts to make it run were fruitless. At last he turned the clock bottom up, when it ticked away as industriously as ever. He claimed, however, that it was a source of inconvenience after all, for whenever they wanted to see the time, they had to stand on their heads—and when they had company, his wife didn't like to do it!

WASTE OF BRAIN.—According to Dr. Earl, labor of the brain causes greater waste of tissue than labor of the muscles. According to the estimates of Professor Houghton, three hours of hard study produce more important changes of tissue than a day of muscular labor. Phosphorus, which is a prominent ingredient of the brain, is deposited in the urine after mental labor; and recent experiments have shown that by chemical examination of these phosphates deposited, it is possible to determine whether an individual has been chiefly using his brain or his muscles. That the brain is the organ of the intellect is now as well established as any fact of science. The brain being the noblest organ of the body, receives a greater proportional amount of blood than any other part, and is, of course, correspondingly affected by the quality and quantity of the nutrition. It has been estimated that one-fifth of the blood goes to the brain, though its average weight is not more than fifty ounces, or about one-fortieth the weight of the body. This is one of the reasons why brain-workers need a better quality and larger quantity of nutrition than mechanics and laborers.

Effects of the Storm.—From the Bulletin we learn that the waters of the Willamette rose at Portland until they were eighteen inches or two feet above the lower floors of the wharves, before it came to a stand still. The warehousemen were put to their utmost efforts to save the articles stored in them. Some of the grain was slightly damaged before it was all removed. The water rose there on last Sunday morning at the rate of five inches an hour. The mill at Milwaukie had thirty-five hundred barrels of flour stored in it which was in danger. The owner wanted all the steamboats that could be spared to be sent to him at once to save the flour. The E. N. Cook was sent on Monday and brought away several hundred barrels and reported the rest safe. The Bulletin thus describes the bursting of a cloud: About eleven o'clock A. M. on Sunday morning, while the sun was shining brightly, it commenced to rain quite briskly, and from the North-west could be seen a heavy black cloud approaching very rapidly. Suddenly there were two or three bright flashes of lightning, followed a moment later by a sharp crash of thunder, and immediately the rain and hail commenced falling with great fury. Hail stones half an inch thick and three quarters of an inch long, accompanied by a drenching rain, fell in torrents for the space of ten or fifteen minutes, filling the gutters with water, and cutting off all travel along the lower streets for a short time. The rain continued to fall until about 2 o'clock P. M. when it cleared off and the sun came out with a face as smiling as a school boy's, immediately after it had been washed with brown soap and polished with a Russian towel.

The valley of the Clackamas was overflowed to a depth of three or four feet, and the track of the Oregon & California Railroad completely submerged. The result was the train failed to arrive in Portland either on Sunday or Monday. One or two culverts on the road south of Salem were washed away, and the track slightly damaged. The rain about Harrisburg was very severe, surpassing anything before seen. The waters of the river at that point washed the gravel out of the abutments of the bridge, and a large drift lodged against one of the piers, exciting fears that it would not stand. No damage, however, resulted. The Sautam bridge had one of its bents broken by a large log coming against it, and the gravel in one of the piers was washed away; but workmen promptly went to the rescue and removed the driftwood and proceeded to repair the damages.

BEAUTIFUL CHEMICAL EXPERIMENT.—The following beautiful chemical experiment may easily be performed by a lady, to the great astonishment of a circle at her tea party: Take two or three leaves of red cabbage, cut them into small bits, put them into a basin, and pour a pint of boiling water on them; let it stand an hour, then pour off the liquor into a decanter. It will be of a fine blue color. Then take four wine glasses; into one put six drops of strong vinegar, another six drops of solution of soda, into a third, the same quantity of a strong solution of alum, and let the fourth glass remain empty. The glasses may be prepared some time before, and the few drops of colorless liquids which have been placed in them will not be noticed. Fill up the glasses from the decanter, and the liquid poured into the glass containing the acid will quickly become a beautiful red, that into the glass containing the soda will be a fine green, that poured into the empty one will remain unchanged. By adding a little vinegar to the green it will immediately change to a red, and adding a little solution of soda to the red it will assume a fine green, thus showing the action of acids and alkalis on vegetable blues.

At the President's levee on the 15th inst. the attendance was the largest during the winter.

The Chicago Tribune wants Dr. Livingstone brought back and put under bonds to keep out of Africa.

McCall's water-cure establishment of Galesburg, Ill., was totally destroyed by fire on the 18th inst. A large number of patients were with difficulty removed to a place of safety. Loss \$105,000 or \$110,000.

Judge Bedford, of New York, sentenced a garroter, on the 18th, to twenty years hard labor in the State prison.

A bill in favor of reducing the tariff on tea and coffee will be reported in Congress by the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Grand Duke Alexis witnessed the carnival of Mardi Gros, in New Orleans on the 13th.

A masked party, in Cincinnati, recently took a prisoner by the name of Clark away from the guard, and next morning he was found hung.

An earthquake was felt in Washington on the night of the 12th. The shocks were severe.

The American Protestant Association of New York are to parade on Washington's birthday. 50,000 men are expected to be in line under Grand Marshal Johnson.

Minneapolis and St. Anthony, Minn., were united on the 13th under the name of the former, by a large majority in both cities.

The explosion of a barrel of cement in Philadelphia on the 14th, set fire to a shoe factory, severely injured one man, caused another to jump from a third story window, lighting without injury, and compelled fifteen men to escape from the upper story of the factory through the roof on to another building.

The latest amusement of the boys at Louisville, Kentucky, is to place a line of the toy torpedoes on the street railway. When the car comes along it explodes the torpedoes, frightens the horses, and still worse, scares the passengers, and excites the city for many blocks around with the noise and light.

At Utica, New York, on the 16th, some words passed between a Mrs. McCarty and Milton H. Thompson in a street car, when the former drew a revolver and shot the latter through the nose and cheek, the ball striking Mr. H. H. Hart, who was in the car, in the heart, instantly killing him. Thompson's wound is not considered dangerous. The woman was arrested.

W. J. Pollock, of New York, was arrested recently and held to bail in the sum of \$20,000 for alleged smuggling operations in linen and jute goods. The perpetration of the fraud was carried on by means of false marks and brands at the Custom House, whereby the identity of the goods was destroyed, and the Custom House officials misled.

Mrs. Wm. B. Astor died on the 15th.

At Springfield, Ohio, on Wednesday night of last week, Robert Scott shot his wife dead, and then killed himself.

A bloodless duel was fought at the bay of St. Louis, La., on the 15th, between General Badger, Chief of Police of New Orleans, and Geo. W. Carter, former Speaker of the House of the Louisiana Legislature. Shots were exchanged at sixty paces with rifles, without effect. A reconciliation was then effected.

The Postmaster General says no contract exists for the transportation of mails on the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads. Mails are carried under orders issued quarterly, the service being paid by the Postmaster General. The companies are not under contract stipulations, under circumstances like those now existing, to provide for the transportation of mails by any other means than their trains, or any other routes than their own roads.

The Senate on the 15th inst. confirmed the nomination of G. Washburn, son of Minister Washburn, as Assistant Secretary of Legation to France, and that of Samuel C. Wingard as U. S. Attorney for Washington Territory.

The Legislative Committee of Legal Reform, in Maine, have agreed to report a bill allowing women the right of suffrage in the Presidential election.

Brownlow made a personal explanation in the Senate on the 15th inst. in reply to Beck's statement in the House, that Brownlow, while Governor of Tennessee, made the State a pandemonium, and that he and other Reconstruction Governors were hated by the people, and could find no refuge from prison except in the Senate. Brownlow began by saying there was a time when Beck would not have dared to put this insult upon him, lest he (Brownlow) should take Beck's overseer whip from his hand and lay it over his back. He also said that when Beck abandoned a responsible business and become a slave-driver, he sank below the notice of all decent men.

Congress has ordered twenty-five thousand copies of the case of the United States vs. Great Britain, printed.

A bill has been introduced into Congress to restrict the killing of Buffalo on public lands.

The Agricultural Convention at Washington on the 16th, adopted a resolution that Boards of Agriculture be established by Legislatures in the various States, where they do not already exist.

Senator Howe is sick with scarletina.

The President visited the Agricultural Convention at Washington and was received with applause. He was welcomed by Loring in a brief speech.

Central Illinois was visited with a snow storm on the 16th, falling to a depth of ten inches.

A Washington dispatch of the 16th, February says: Minister Schenck has telegraphed to Secretary Fish inquiring whether the United States would withdraw the demand in the Alabama claims for indirect damages. Secretary Fish replied in the negative, adding that the Government would insist on a decision of its case.

The Mississippi river at St. Louis is gorged with ice.

The German Republican Committee of New York, on the evening of the 16th, adopted a resolution that while adhering to national nominations of the Republican party, they will act in municipal affairs with any party honestly working for reform.

The Boston Grant Club perfected its organization last Friday. A. H. Rice is President, and Doolittle, Secretary. Thirty-four Vice Presidents, including Governor Washburn, ex-Gov. Claflin and all the Massachusetts delegation in Congress were appointed.

The small pox is decreasing in New York.

From Sioux City it is reported that twelve persons were frozen to death in the terrible storm on the 12th, in Nebraska. Many head of stock perished.

John H. Lewis, of Chicago, a young man in comfortable circumstances, highly respected and only four days married to a beautiful girl, was found dead in his office last Saturday morning, having shot himself through the head.

At Chelsea, Mass., on the 9th, A. Bartholomew, while mad with liquor and jealousy, stabbed and killed Chas. F. Storer.

The New York District Attorney has been ordered by the President to commence criminal proceedings against all persons shown by testimony before the Custom House Investigation Committee to have paid or received bribes.

A deed one hundred and thirty years old was recently presented for record in Boston.

A man recently died in Wheeling, West Virginia, who for sixteen years had not slept inside a house.

Connecticut has a canary bird that waltzes.

Over six billion pins are used in the United States each year.

The British Columbia Legislature is now in session.

Gladstone entertained Minister Schenck at dinner on the 17th inst.

News from Madrid on the 18th, states that the Spanish ministry had resigned.

Advices from Spain represent all quiet in the Philippine States. The revolt of native troops is entirely suppressed. Eleven ring-leaders were sentenced to death by court-martial.

The activity of the Bonapartist agents, who are strong throughout France, to secure the return of the ex-Emperor, creates great excitement in Parliamentary circles in France.

A bill has been presented in the German Council declaring that the German shall be the official language.

It is announced that the Pope intends to renounce the concordat so far as relates to Alsace and Lorraine.

The body of Earl Mayo, late General of India, was taken to Calcutta, on the 19th. An immense crowd witnessed the landing.

A reduction of the present toll for dispatches by the Anglo-American Telegraph Company, was favorably considered by them at London on the 17th inst.

A London letter says at least one-third, if not one-half, of the entire population of that city is in favor of a Republican form of Government in Great Britain.

At the Rothschild Hospital at Jerusalem, during last year, nearly 19,000 out-patients were treated, of whom 13,000 were Jews.

A movement is on foot in France to make Thiers President of the French Republic for life.

A Mr. Sheehan "put a head" on a man named Kelly, in Portland, last Sunday, for finding him in possession of his room on his return home. He also passed Kennedy over to the police, and Judge Denny fined him \$10.

Mr. Nelson Mulrany, who lives near Tigh Valley, writes also under date of Jan. 22d, that he had lost two hundred and fifty sheep out of seven hundred. Snow was five feet deep and feed plenty, says the Statesman.

The body of a man dressed in the uniform of a soldier, was found on the bank of the river about seven miles below Portland, last Monday. The body was badly decomposed and unrecognizable, says the Bulletin.

The Nevada Transcript learns that the recent cold weather has frozen the grain planted in that vicinity, and that in some places the crops are ruined.

The survey of the route of the North Pacific Railroad from Kalamazoo eastward, was commenced last Tuesday by Captain Maxwell.

William Craft writes under date of Jan. 31st, from Yakima, that his cattle were doing well, having lost but two calves. Had plenty of feed.

NOTABLE DEATH.—The Grand Master of the I.O.O.F., of Ohio, aged fifty years, and a most prominent man, died in Cincinnati on the morning of the 17th inst.

A movement is on foot to build another Crystal Palace in New York, at a cost of about \$5,000,000.

The efforts to discover the whereabouts in Europe of Wm. E. Gray, the noted Wall street forger, proved fruitless.

Two rival candidates for the love of a fair lady in Salem, living in Bethel, Polk county, got into a fracas about it, one getting his finger nearly bitten off and the other having his eyes nearly gouged out.

The Columbia river is said to be higher now than ever before known before at this time of the year.

Not one out of ten Democratic leaders of to-day would be willing to step aside for the benefit of the people.