

THE REPUBLICAN LOSSES.—The New York World publishes official returns of the elections since 1872, which show that in the course of two years the Republican party, which elected its President by a majority of over 760,000 votes, has been put in a minority of over 750,000 votes. In 1872 their party carried thirty States, and by the end of 1874 had lost all but eleven of them. The World concludes: "In two years the opposition to the Federal Administration has made a net gain of nearly one and a quarter million of votes. There has been no such political overturning in so short a period in our history as a people. Never before has a Federal Administration received so rapid and overwhelming a condemnation from those who placed it in power. There has been a steady opposition gain everywhere. New York has jumped from 53,000 Republican majority to 62,000 opposition majority and Pennsylvania has changed from 137,000 Republican majority to 7,000 opposition majority. The opposition has possession of the four greatest States of the Union—New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois. Two years ago it possessed not one of these."

AN ELOPEMENT IN MAINE.—A youth in Portland, Maine, 17 years old, has just married a girl aged 16. The Press says the latter's father objected to the match, and when he heard that the day for the marriage was set, locked the girl in her room. But love recognizes no locks or bars, and, as the appointed hour for the wedding drew near, the young lady jumped from her window. It had been agreed that the couple should meet at the house of a Justice of the Peace, and there he made one. The young lady in question was promptly on hand at the appointed time and place, and the ceremony was duly performed. When the indignant father went to the room of his daughter to release her, he found the room vacant and a note on the table saying that she was Mrs. —. The father at once sent word to her that she need not return to his house. It was probably unnecessary, as the young couple are now living as happy as clams in high water, all by themselves.

THE IRON TRADE.—The iron trade is now greatly depressed all over the world. Business is so depressed in England that half the blast furnaces have closed, while in manufactured articles the producers of Belgium are actually supplying rails, tires, axles, and railway springs to many roads in England. In France the trade is dull and much depression exists from the prosperity of 1872, when France was selling vast quantities of manufactured iron to Germany and Russia. In the United States not half the blast furnaces are in operation, while the estimated stock of iron on hand is placed at two hundred thousand tons of charcoal, and an equal amount of charcoal and coke. Nearly all the rolling mills at Pittsburgh have suspended operations, while bar iron has gone down to very low prices.

"ONE who has tried it" communicates the following item about curing sore throat: Let each of one of your half million readers buy at any drugstore one ounce of camphorated oil and five cents' worth of chloride of potash. Whenever any soreness appears in the throat put the potash in a tumbler of water, and with it gargle the throat thoroughly; then rub the neck thoroughly with the camphorated oil at night before going to bed, and also pin around the throat a small strip of woolen flannel. This is a simple, cheap and sure remedy.

EXTINCT STATESMAN.—Andrew Johnson first took his seat in the United States Senate in 1857. Of those who sat there with him there were Toombs and Davis, and Benjamin, Sillidell, Mason and Hunter. Douglas and Crittenden, and Fessenden, Sumner and Seward, Broderick and Bell and Houston are dead. Hamlin, Wilson and Cameron will greet him in the Senate on his return. Wade, Trumbull, Harlan, Foster, Dixon and Doolittle are among those who, still living, have retired to private life.

A GENTLEMAN was looking into the window of a toy store the other day when two lads halted and one remarked: "Jim don't you wish we had ten cents to buy a present for our poor, lame sister?" Jim replied that he did, and the gentleman pulled out a shipplaster and said that he was glad to be able to assist them in such a pious and worthy enterprise. He met the same boys half an hour afterwards, and each had his pockets stuffed with popcorn balls.

This duties of a schoolmaster in 1661 were as follows: "To act as a court messenger; to serve summonses; to conduct services in church; to lead the choir on Sundays; to ring the bell for public worship; to dig the graves; to take charge of the school, and to perform other occasional duties." Hence the compound word "over-worked."

A glass of soda-water was offered to a country lad, who rejected it with the greatest indignation. "Do you think I am a sissender," said he, "to drink water boiling hot?"

The Law of Newspapers. 1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to continue their subscriptions. 2. If any subscribers order the discontinuance of their newspapers, the publisher may continue to send them until all arrears are paid. 3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their newspapers from the offices to which they are directed, the law holds them responsible until they have settled the bills, and ordered them discontinued. 4. If subscribers remove to other places without informing the publisher, and the newspapers are sent to the former direction, they are held responsible. 5. The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers from the offices to which they are directed, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud. 6. The postmaster who neglects to give the legal notice of the neglect of a person to take from the office the newspapers addressed to him, is liable to the publisher for the subscription price.

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