#### THE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE.

There is nothing which women need more to learn than that they must decide all questions of conscience for erned the public morals through their women, and defer to it in some ways. But they seldom allow our opinions to govern their acting, either in public or private life. This boasted "influence of woman" is chiefly conventional-a courtesy of man to woman, of one sex to the other-and arises in the deference the sexes pay to each other interchangeably. It is a considerable force in itself, and certainly gives to society its greatest charm.

But in matters of importance women have too long been accustomed to evade, If not to ignore, moral responsibility, by refusing the settlement of all weighty questions of morals, religion, or public polity to men. "I will ask my husband," or "I will do just as my minister tells me," is considered commonly as an indication of the most refined womanliness. What has been the result conscience? Has it been the elevation placed before the people of that State in of this renunciation of the rights of of woman? We have only to look at the position she holds in the different countries of Europe, Asia and America to be convinced that it has not. In Hindoostan, the priesthood have so perverted their ancient religion, and mother willingly destroys her female offspring, and even devotes her own body to the flames of the funeral pyre, Michigan. on the decease of her husband. Men stroyed the very strongest principle of and dying, left in the meek and credu- success of others. lous hands of these religious (?) women. Had the men of Hindoostan been more

in Protestant countries, but because the crowns their efforts. priesthood are, and they derive their views of right and wrong from the church to which they belong, and are baptised into at birth. Husbands and that ever pursues us, and when, perfathers connive at the degeneration of chance, in time not distant we lift our daughters and wives. Now, since it is eyes and ask "what of the night," ready It needed just such a trial as that of patronizingly over the crowd, as he tion that their horses are as well kept always the woman in these cases who is and exultant will come the response, the crusaders in the Police Court to kept his spirits up by laying imaginary and kindly cared for as the nature of called upon to suffer the penalties of error, "the night of oppression has vanished," show up the whisky influence in this commands upon that mythical person-their occupation will permit. But the pendent conscientiousness?

In Christian, Protestant America, female children are not destroyed at birth, widows are not burned upon fuueral pyres, women do not go to the coufessional as to a brothel; but women do wrongs which men commit against ground that it is unwomanly to do so, They prefer that their fathers, brothers, husbands-that manhood at large shall hold their consciences as they do their

Admitting that this course would answer best the ends of happiness on earth, how will it be in that final reckoning up which comes at last. Will they excuse themselves as Adam did in the garden-"The man thou gavest me told me to do this thing, and I did it." That excuse did not answer in the one case, neither will it in the other.

Even the Protestant churches-the most advanced in culightenment of any in the world-are not innocent of willingly or unwittingly abetting this moral degradation of women. They, too, have kept woman in the dark as to their influence of Oriental customs. The retift up all alike, has been rendered a dead letter in a great degree. Husbands do not need to think for yourselves-in fact, the Scriptures forbid it-we will decide these matters for you," Will they answer for us at the Great Day? Can they, dare they undertake to answer for the evils which this blind and mistaken policy has engendered and nourished in the world?

The sooner women comprehend their individual accountability to God and to society, the sooner will society be purged of its manifold corruptions. Do not content yourselves with the false idea that your "womanly influence" is going to purify the social or political system of this country, so long as you sit down in silent submission to whatever is, without lifting up your voice for what should be. Remember that there are as many women in the world as men, and that there are good men enough to join ment, pure reform, and the greatest good of the greatest number, can ever

as with strangers.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The present is replete with swiftly recurring events of great and momentous interest, and numerous and unmistakable signs foretell yet greater in the not distant future, with such clearness, that "he who runs may read."

That the minds of the people have rehemselves. We have been accustomed cently upon various subjects undergone all our lives to be told that women gov- a radical change is a self-evident fact. That they are still in a transition state social and domestic influence. Never is also true. We do not yet see "the bewas there a greater fallacy than that. ginning of the end" of the great reforms coming events are said to "east their protest was rend by Mrs. Sparrow, which shadows before," we may note in the signs of the present an earnest of what is yet to be.

We who stand upon the shores of the Pacific, working, waiting, watching, hoping, striving by whatsoever means in our power lies to hasten the glorious day of woman's enfranchisement, as we ask of our co-laborers in distant fields-"brethren, sisters what of the night," lo! appears the "star in the East," and speedily come the swift-footed messengers responding "glad ridings." Some

of these tidings we repeat to our readers: Woman Suffrage has received a majority vote in both houses of the Iowa Legislature.

The Legislature of Michigan has submitted Woman Suffrage to the people by a vote of more than two-thirds of its members. This question will be ingres November, and it is almost certain that the popular verdict will be given for the right by a large majority.

sas, and only failed in the House by a small majority.

misquoted their religious books, that a Ohio the question is assuming vast proportions, and these and some other States will soon follow in the wake of

From eminent persons and influenhave killed in her the natural instincts tial newspapers come statements of the Tie crime being supposed to be in the intent, and affections of motherhood, and defrom the the Temperance Crusade, while down on every hand by this vile traffic against nature—the love of life; all this, too, we can scarcely open on Eastern paper which we wage war, and that the sons of the with no stronger motive on their part without seeing a call for a Woman Suf- land are so beset by temptation that many or than the desire to obtain possession of frage Convention, the proceedings of many more, who live on, but live to disappoint the fortunes which, living, men owned, one, and comments upon the marked the fond hopes which are centered in them, and

It must be apparent to those who have watched and worked for the cause in highly enlightened, such things could our own State that it is rapidly gaining inent saloon in this city and plead with the state of the case, that he of the nose was between the organs of intellect and annot have been; but being themselves in public favor. Ministers who have proprietor to sell her husband no more liquor, guilty of gross inhumanity in conductignorant, have joined with an avaricious for years entrenched themselves behind as her life was in danger whenever that huspriesthood to fix these fanatical ideas in the doctrines of St. Paul now not only was coldly told: "Oh, well, if I do not sell him allow but exhort women to speak in the In Catholic countries we see the same churches. A host of men and women of the spectators, however it may have been regarded by the "gentlemen of the hardened, and you learn to endure intelligence or ignorance of the male prejudice, step squarely upon the platpart of the population. In Italy, in the form of Universal Suffrage and advoislands of the Mediterranean, in South cate equal rights for all. There is yet a and go to his home to make it such a hell upon perhaps, to impress the lady auditors and prisoners with some of the pomp whom we humbly hope there is a fucondition of morals exists among womwilling hearts and ready hands there condition of morals exists among wom- willing hearts and ready hands there life. Such instances are not rare, and it is in en, not because the women of those are, who, having espoused this cause, are behalf of these suffering sisters that we act. We only succeeded in impressing them with known forevermore. The lady passing countries are any worse by nature than determined to work for it until success have not power to amend the laws; but since a mockery of justice—a recess was de- gers walked up some of the worst pulls

ridicule, calumny and misrepresentation

# TRIAL OF THE CRUSADERS.

still decline to set up any opposition to streets, and taking up their position on drowned the voice of prayer and singing comfort they could in apartments so unthemselves or against society, upon the sing and pray. Only one prayed at a the services. appeared, Mr. Moffett, by blowing a po- ing pistols. lice whistle, and by other means, began Yet in the face of a "cloud of wit- course just and right. But Captain ladies soon ceased to sing or to pray and- duct. moral responsibility, quoting to them and committed insulting and violent rules in every department of business houseless for that night if they did not written in Oriental countries, under the these facts were brought out by the they stand as to their own safety when stranger whom they found near, to es-

ligion of Christ, which was intended to sel who conducted the case on either side. But that which is most vividly precrowd, remained hour after hour, si- something stronger than moral suasion Their appearance at the church was the and priests alike say to women, "You lently or inaudibly praying, in the hope in the hands of women. No better sufof quiet being restored, and perhaps frage argument could possibly be found burst of enthusiasm as never was heard chairs thrown about, etc. Mr. Moffett above the influence of whisky, of street! O Tempora! O Mores! himself brandished a pistol. These were course) who can longer be blind to the

the facts elicited at the trial.

It is perhaps superfluous to comment -humble prayer to God. If the men of script,

upon this decision, except to say that it Oregon are not ashamed of their record EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

o'clock, and were fined five dollars each and voting is not. and costs, or, in default of fine, one The ladies with one accord agreed to spend twenty-four hours in jail rather will be appended to this report.

The defence was ably conducted by Messrs. A. C. Gibbs, C. W. Parrish, H. H. Northrup and - Shoup, who volunteered their services and contested inch by inch the ground, as points were made and objections raised. The statement of the case and the pleading were able. In short, it will probably be some time before the Police Court will witness another scene of equal interest.

It is our opinion that the Police Court never before was the scene of any trial similar to this; nor was it probably ever more orderly, quiet and respectableshowing that the presence of good women everywhere and anywhere is : warrant of decency and good order.

THE PROTEST OF THE CRUSADERS. Your Hoxor :- We do protest against any sentence being passed upon us, for the follow

testimony, and to the charge of your Honor, in that the testimony clearly shows, by numerou Similar bills passed the Senate of Kan- an extent did some of us preserve quiet that we city from the persecutions of the ruthdid not so much as open our mouths, either in song or in prayer, as your Honor will obse by referring to the testimony,

Second-We, as Temperatice women, do ea nestly protest against being sentenced on the them. finding of a jury composed in part of fiquor dealers, who, according to the words of the oath, had already prejudged us.

If we may be allowed to mention the work in the trial proceeded. which we are engaged, we should like to do so. we would remind your Honor that the hus bands and fathers of the land are being stricken fulfill. These evils, your Honor, are not in faroff lands, but at our own doors, as that wife can

## WHAT NEXT?

clearly and distinctly shown that the by "disorderly conduct," "noise," etc., with which the ladies were charged was On the afternoon of the 16th inst., be- not originated or participated in by

making a loud and discordant noise, nesses" a jury of six "good and true would not permit it. He politely invited which very soon brought a large crowd men" brought in a verdict of "guilty, them to "get out of this," and contended to the side-walk in front of his saloon. as charged in the complaint," that is, that he was "boss" in that institution. This crowd increased until the street guilty of wilfully disturbing the peace walks ever thus," etc. If the ladies do was pretty effectually blockaded. The and quiet of this city by disorderly con- what they think right, some man (say

gong-beaters, organ-grinders, bell-ring- defeat of the ladies, as a defeat, and be punished as not, to please these caper, and tin-can and drum-beaters was so ashamed of Portland morals as shown tious gentlemen, a policeman turns overwhelming as to drown every other by that verdict, we are glad that this them out upon the street, amongst a sound. These were the paid servants of strong and pointed case has occurred crowd of waiting men. These gentle-Mr. Moffett. Mr. Moffett's bar-tender, just as it has. For it may awaken the men are very hard to please, seems to inflamed with drink, and totally regard- indifferent to a sense of the evil influless of decency, used insulting language ence so wide-spread and so potent which acts in the presence of the ladies. All and politics. It may show men where go home, asked a young gentleman, a

guilty, as charged in the complaint, of relinquish all hopes of happy homes spoken, speak in the highest praise of the City of Portland against Mrs. Shindler, Mrs. Swafford, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. they must have their hands strengthand is a very fine speaker. Her lectures intelligent enough to understand the and mothers arraigned in Police Courts, infancy, and she will relate many per-

did not take its animus from the charge in this matter, they should be. We be- DEAR READERS OF THE NEW NORTHWEST. of Judge Denny, as has been unjustly lieve they will soon be convinced of Leaving Stockton on Monday the 12th

After three days' trial, and the above- this respect. It is the only hope of pa- with a very large audience on Sunday place where we have yet spoken in the that the same rules that govern women mentioned verdict, the ladies, attended tient, long-suffering woman-it is more evening in the Methodist church, we by many friends, appeared for sentence to the Christian woman at this moment took the overland train at noonday, by Wednesday morning at eleven than prayer, for prayer is "disorderly" the way of Colfax, for Nevada City,

# LICE COURT.

than submit to be fined; and they are understand. No, thank you. Not imaginable shade of floral heanty. Col. Baker." keepers and whisky sympathizers.

of the police.

settled herself and glanced around.

weight of mightlest monarchies.

wife, I would not allow her to come bones unbroken. here." Turning slightly, she beheld In justice to the Colfax and Nevada great, broad-shouldered Tom glancing stage company we make grateful menwould it not be a great step in the right "the day is broke which never more city. If any proofs were wanting be-YOURS TRULY.

## THE END OF IT.

About half-past eight o'clock-Wednestween fifteen and twenty ladies assem- them; that, in fact, the noise which Mr. day evening, as the lady prisoners were bled at the corner of Morrison and First Moffett caused to be made so completely preparing to spend the night with what the outer edge of the sidewalk, began to that nothing could be distinguished of usual, a Captain of Police suddenly appeared upon the scene and turned them time, and in an ordinary voice. Very It was further shown by the evidence all out of doors. They insisted that they few of them can sing, therefore the that at Mr. Moffett's instigation every wished to comply with the law, and to "noise" of their singing could not be lowest device was resorted to to insult suffer for their "disorderly conduct" to very "loud." As soon as these ladies and frighten the ladies, even to present the full extent of their sentence, which, being the sentence of the Court, was of Moffett) gets them sent to jail. If they ibly, because the noise made by the Now, although we are sorry for the then meekly submit, and just as leave

Well, the ladies, finding they were cort them to the church, where a meet-The ladies, surrounded by an excited sented to us in this case is the need of knew their friends could be found. also because it was not easy for them to than facts such as these, that in this since the war times of '63-4. It was in extricate themselves from the crowd, nineteenth century the bad morals of vain that Mr. Izer requested silence and ome of the men congregated there men should force women to street pray- decorum inside the sacred edifice. There were of a rough and disorderly class, ing and exhortation, and that they are times and occasions when the voice were indignant at the insults offered the fine irony of their recommendation to dresses, which were very interesting. ladies, and, as Mr. Moffett expected, soon the Court's mercy must have been espe- So the good cause goes marching on. Two men, according to the evidence, Is it possible that there remains in Port- tain could be so unmindful of justice as were knocked down, one man stabbed, land, after this, one man or one woman to turn those poor prisoners out into the

pressing need of the ballot in the hands MRS, DUNIWAY'S LECTURE.-The lec-But by some unaccountable reasoning of women? Either one of two things ture at the theater on Thursday evening the jury agreed in their verdict of is inevitable: Women must consent to was of the highest order. Every one guilty, as charged in the complaint, of relinquish all hopes of happy homes who attended, with whom we have

armed and equipped with Phil's dilapi- their faces as imperative as the most and disheveled hair avail themselves of life of perfidy and treachery to her sexdated note-book and Dick's newly devout of them fear that woman's curse every opportunity to force themselves a life of impurity and degradation? sharpened pencil, proceeded to the fa- of being ruled over by husbands will be before the public to denounce "the ty- "You may plead in extemuation of mous (or rather infamous) headquarters in the new dispensation which is just rant man," are our pet aversion. They your faults" that men are not required upon her.

Undaunted by the imposing presence | Arriving at Colfax, a little railway "High on his throne of royal state" ing. To make the best of circumstances sat His Honor, the Judge, grave and si- was the only alternative, and we lugged First-That the verdict was contrary to the lent, as if upon his shoulders rested the our basket to the nearest hotel and took lodging for the night, speculating upon Around the table inside the bar sat the uncertainties of mundane calcula-Nine o'clock on Tuesday found us

An individual, whose nose was suffi- until, but for many similar observaprosecution, after a glaring misstate- sight of their ears. But the horses came ment of facts, proceeded with that redie- up and down went the coach, throwing alous assumption of superiority, so the travelers into a heap upon the forcommon in animals of his mental cali- ward wheels and righting them again bre, to inform the jury that he did not with the next lurch, only the matter "consider the defendants as accountable was so bally overdone that the cerebelwhich, but for this fell destroyer, they might beings," meaning, of course, that they lum of the undersigned received the were nothing but women. It occurred next contusion, thereby through symto Yours Truly that if this were the true pathy, restoring a painful equilibrium the least. This insult to the intelligence to reconcile us to our fate; besides, when liquor, some one else will." Orthatotherwife, of woman was not without effect upon you get your spinal column snugly telethe day that woman was first at the sepulchre, clared, As Yours Truly stood waiting and down some of the deepest gorges it may been her concoded right to pray, and for the crowd to pass out, she heard in through pity for the patient animals and

already upon these people, and ere the to redress. vicisaltudes of our mission bring us

Arriving at Nevada we were made good husband and wife, with souls alive will be sought in vain. to every needed work for the promotion of humanity's best interests, use liberally of their substance to sustain the friends of Human Rights in their mission of love to the people.

Rolfe, a whole-souled, wide-awake, Tem- tractions nature may have thoughtlessly perance woman and earnest Woman given you have been surbordinated to Suffragist, who exerts a powerful influ- base uses, and that, instead of being a visit to the hydraulic mining works. of your power to win the hearts of too hundred feet fall, are brought through aside as lightly large pipes, with six-luch nozzles, to made of caoutchouc, instead of sensitive, "on what ground you selected that boy, "on what ground you selected that boy," bear upon the solid mountain sides with palpitating flesh and blood. a force that disembowels the complain- They say that you talk with owl-like panies and the laboring man's wages must be like Cæsar's wife, "above sus-

that there are good men enough to join with you in any reform to secure a majority over the bad ones. This is the way, and the only way, good government, pure reform, and the greatest of the west. The pure reform, and the greatest of the west of the can be can talk as eloquently as she did on the subject of temperance, she ought to the close of our lectures when the post.

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State

withstand.

In Grass Valley the Ladies' Tem- serve. perance Union, assisted by our ever ready friends of the Methodist church, gave us three large and appreciative audiences, and much interest To THE MORTOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST: accomplished.

We were here agreeably entertained cently. at the hospitable home of Hon. A. The question was:

ble and pleasant. From this place we are soon to retrace ish up our work and take the first May steamer for Oregon and HOME.

A. J. D.

## THE INDEPENDENTS.

direction if these deluded women could shall close," the day of universal liberty. fore, that want no longer exists. It was a myth, was thankfully remembered description, drawing ponderous wagons their ticket, prating of the political to "spout." And (pardon the expreswhich without a load would weigh a ton. millenium. We confess that we would sion), there was some "spouting," These wagons cut up the roads with have much more confidence in the pro- which was pretty warm on both sides, their broad, ladened wheels, making fessions of the party through its plat- and lasted until a late hour, when the channels which the mountain torrents form if it were not engineered and con-question was submitted to the judges, soon wear into gulches, and the travel- trolled by disappointed place-seekers who, being both honest and impartial, ing is fearful. But the railroad era is and men with old political grievances were obliged to decide in favor of the

lican nominees.

welcome by our good friends, Mr. and when the smoke of the June battle shall until women can stand on an equal Mrs. Crawford, in their elegant home, have vanished, leaving the political at- footing with the lords of creation! And where all the implements of civilization mosphere again clear, that the shattered until she can fill her proper sphere, for are utilized in perfection, and where the fragments of the "Independent party" which she was intended in the begin-

## AN OPEN LETTER.

TO ANY MAN WHO MAY CLAIM IT. |See New Northwest of March 27th.]

The success of our meetings here was They tell me you are what the world Movement in putting down intemperlargely due the efforts of Mrs. Emily calls a "rake;" that whatever little at- ance in the land. ence for good in the community at large. strong, noble, manly protector of the hundred feet fall, are brought through aside as lightly as though they were one and dismissed the rest.

The Temperance meetings in Nevada and Grass Valleys were quite largely at-

this temperance question will settle it- honest work enough to support a fairself." To lead the people up to this sized butterfly. And now that women idea, and then let it "whistle itself" are getting such strange ideas about the necessity of their past blindness in inst., after having closed our lectures has been our plan of action in every Human Rights, and are really thinking ought to govern men, there is really a This evening we are to lecture upon strong impression that, if you choose to "What will we do with our boys?" in live an idle, dissolute, licentious life, you the Methodist church in Grass Valley, are not entitled to any purer person than evening. Our road lay through the and to-morrow night, the twentieth lec- yourself as a companion. It seems to day's imprisonment in the city jail. "YOURS TRULY" VISITS THE PO- lonely valley of the Sacramento, whose ture since coming to the State, the subexquisite verdure of spring-time green Ject will be, through request of many of monstrous for you to associate with the Not as a prisoner, you will please to was gorgeously variegated with every his old friends, "The Life and Times of vicious and degraded whenever you choose to, and then go from the polluted Undoubtedly men have some respect for that are causing so much public exeitethe greater acknowledged purity of ment and private discussion, but as project was read by Mrs. Sparrow, which waters of lazy, sluggish sloughs, chew- and pulpit with the utmost courtesy, ery, straight to the parlor of some pure, But as Yours Truly had heard many jug the cud of sweet contentment, while though in many places we are com- innocent, unsuspecting girl, and palm and various opinions expressed upon jaded horses tugged away at the rolling pelled to fight our way through many yourself off as a decent man, fit for her that all-absorbing topic, the offense and sod, their drivers perched upon the obstacles engendered by the "shrieking associate, escort or even-Heaven fortrial of the crusaders, she became pos- spring seats of sulky plows, seemingly sisterhood," whose rabid "Woman's bid-her husband. "Do you think that sessed with a desire to see and hear for in need of nothing but umbrellas, fans Rights" doctrines have thrown the the true woman whom you could honor, herself. So, having coaxed a reluctant and bottles of cologue to render the Woman Movement into disrepute. These as a wife, would, if she knew it, take to consent from the powers that be, she, curse of eating bread in the sweat of man-hating fanatics, who in dowdy dress her embrace a husband who had lived a

> have hitherto kept many noble, wom- by public opinion to live up to the anly women from coming to the front same standard to which women must of Chief Lappens himself, Yours Truly station, perched among the foothills of in California, but through the Tempermounted the iron stair-case, elbowed her the bold Sierras, we learned to our disapance reform another class are now being excuse. If there is anything truly way through the gaping, staring crowd, pointment that the staging to Nevada led into the ranks, and soon a universal manly in your nature, it must reproach and finally, with a little flutter of rib- city would occupy us till far into the shout for suffrage will go up from the you for such miserable efforts to hide bons, and a careful disposition of flounces, night, and prevent the possibility of our people which no interests of office-hold-behind the flimsy screen of an unjust meeting our engagement for the even- ers or law-makers shall be able to and cruel public sentiment. Where is your boasted strength? No, sir; if it is A few evenings ago we were met at right for woman, the "weaker vsssel," the residence of Mrs. Rolfe by a party of to be held to such strict accountability. ladies and gentlemen who are well so much the more should you of the known suffragists, and a few others who stronger sex hold yourself bound. There the midst of disorder and confusion. To such the attorneys who were to defend the tions in general and ours in particular. have not yet identified themselves with is no such thing as two codes of morals, the movement but are becoming sym- one for men and one for women. Both less crusaders, and those also who were aboard the stage, with the usual crowd pathizers through the Temperance redaring enough to defend the crusaders of passengers and baggage. We never form. How we wish some of the stupid man; both should be, and soon will be, from the lawless element opposed to saw a stage that wasn't capable of hold- mortals who hold back from active work held equally amenable to public opining one or two additional passengers after in this great moral field, for fear they ion as regards personal character. Re-After the farce of empanneling a jury it was already full. When about twenty may lose caste, could travel for a few pent, then, of your evil deeds, and strive of their peers (?) had been gone through, feet from the hotel door, the horses months among the people and note the to alone by a life of purity, henceforth, plunged into a mud-hole, going down high degree of intellectuality and re- for the errors of the past. Abandon, at finement, as well as wealth and domestic once and forever, everything you could clent introduction as counsel for the tions, we should have expected to lose happiness, of those who are so far eman- not approve in your future wife, and cipated from Miss Nancy-ishness that when, after a satisfactory probation, you they dare to speak what they think! find and win her-you musn't lusist on Nevada is the old home of Senator Sar- an angel, though-confide to her indulgent and wife, two of the most active gent ear all your faults and repentance. Woman Suffragists in Washington, your errors and your reformation, that The citizens hold them in high esteem in after years no truthful story of your and are looking confidently to them for misdeeds may shock her and "cast a valuable aid in the enfranchisement of shadow between you and her who has trusted you" so much more than you de-PORTIA.

Fort Clatsop, Or., April 12, 1874.

#### HO! FOR EQUAL RIGHTS.

upon the woman's work in the move- I take the liberty of announcing to ment has been awakened and will, we you the result of a very interesting doubt not, go on till the great work is debate which took place in the new school building at Columbia City re-

B. Dibble and wife, who have spared | Resolved, That women should have no pains to make our visit both profitn- equal rights with men before the law. The participants in the debate-six

in number-were as follows: In the Afour way over the fearful stage road to firmative, James C. Woods (brother of our way over the fearful stage road to Colfax, and from thence to San Francisco and Oakland, where we shall find Woods, and Wm. Clark; in the Negative, Professor E. G. Adams, Dr. C. G. Caples and Geo. W. Merrill.

The house being well crowded at an early hour, the meeting was called to order. A president and competent corps of associate judges were chosen, after Now come the Independents with which the aforesaid speakers proceeded

affirmative. Although there is not a ghost of a Since the evening of the discussion, here again we hope the iron horse, to chance for the election of the Independ- one of the negative party has remarked whom spavin is a stranger, may go ent caudidates, the ticket may accom- that if ever he spoke again on that snorting through these fastnesses, plish the darling object of its leaders' question he would be on the other side. bringing ease and security to both man ambition, viz: the defeat of the Repub- So you see that the good cause "goes marching on." Thank God! And oh! Be this as it may, we are sure that that it may still continue progressing, ning, namely; an helpmeet for mannot a mere slave, or doll, one of which she has to be under the existing laws and customs.

We, down here in this remote part of the world, say amen to the Woman Not wishing to tire your readers, I will say good-night. Yours truly, T. J. McFeron.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION .- A

While in Nevada we indulged in a "weaker sex," you have openly boasted gentleman advertised for a boy to assist him in his office, and nearly fifty applicants presented themselves to Steady streams of water with over two susceptible maidens, and then cast them Out of the whole number he selected

who had not a single recommendation "You are mistaken," said the gentle ing earth, and sends it crashing to the gravity of the necessity of woman's being man, "he had a great many. He wiped plain below. Occasionally blasting is kept in her present state of political bond- his feet when he came in, and closed resorted to, thereby aiding to loosen the solid mountain wall from its foundation, upon which the ceaseless waters were she allowed possession of her kind and thoughtful; he took off his cap were of a rough and disorderly class, but many also were of a peaceable and right-minded class. Naturally, these rioters, and after trial by jury found that they are times and occasions when the voice of God and play with such stupendous power as no play with up the debris of the elements extend for seek a wife to sew the buttons on your upon the floor, and placed it on the tamany niles through the gulches, and shirts, darn your socks and cook your ble, while all the rest stepped over it or got into a quarrel amongst themselves. cially stunning to the guilty creatures. But we don't see how that Police CapTwo men, according to the evidence. Is it possible that there remains in Port. are turned from their course to allow for you were yourself a model of propriety, the full "cleaning up" of the sinices, and will not deign to think of any When I talked with him, I noticed that shall essay to "prospect" here for "tail- young lady as a wife, unless she unites his clothes were carefully brushed, his ings." His life would quickly pay the in her character all the attributes of a hair in nice order, and his teeth brushed; and when be wrote his name, I noticed forfeit of his Ill-advised cupidity. These charming and superior woman. Espethat his finger nails were clean, instead mines yield an immense annual revenue, but are owned by wealthy com-Don't you call those things letters of are but two and three dollars per day. Probably you should be ex-