LETTER FROM CALIFORNIA.

NOBD, Cal., February 23, 1881. TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW NORTHWEST:

In this age of new thought and progressive ideas, it must be quite surprising to many that California is almost the only State in the Union where Woman Suffrage receives little attention, while the national work is progressing grandly. The fault lays undoubtedly with the press of this State, which fail to instruct their readers in the principles of justice. While Congress and the White House are open for the reception of its advocates, and while our sister State, Oregon, is advancing steadily to solve the great problem of at least one part of universal liberty, California, to the great regret of those who would like to see women placed in a state where they could do the most good, remains dormant.

African slavery was one of the great hindrances to the fulfillment of our mission to establish universal liberty; but that, fortunately, was overthrown, although at an immense sacrifice and a very narrow escape of our national life. Yet we still have a system of slavery and bondage hanging over us which we also must overthrow. We must solve this great question of human equality. too, or we will yet be where Greece and Rome are now, and contribute our share to that great heap of ruins, the driftwood and debris of defunct nations and empires, now scattered all along down the great highway of history. Women, by the Constitution, are citizens, and it follows then that fully one-half of our American citizens have no political status. As long as this remains the case, the great problem of our national existence is only half-solved, and the end of our mission only half-attained.

Modern science has taught us that there is no effect without its appropriate cause. This being axiomatic, it behooves us to dig deep and search close for the cause that can produce so great an effect as the downfall and ruin of a republic, kingdom or empire. There are two great elements pervading the realms of Nature—the positive and the negative, the male and the female. All things that would live, even governments, must have these two elements united within them. In the union of these two elements there is life; in

their separation there is death. "Let no man put asunder what God hath joined together." A government of men-one in which woman has no political voice, no vote, no statuswill and must, according to the eternal fitness of things, go to the dogs. I affirm, in the light of all history, that this was the great cause that wrecked so many nations and disrupted so many empires. Our best statesmen and political economists declare that signs and symptoms of our political death and decay as a nation are already becoming so very apparent that even men of the most ordinary capacity cannot help but discern hem. Our American manhood, too, is rotting down. The destroying influence of liquors and (more than anything else) the great sexual intemperance of men are fast doing the job for us. The aloon and the spittoon are the Devil's right and left bowers—true indices of man's drunken-

Oh! when will men learn to purify their bodies and live clean and inspired lives? We need a religion-it is absolutely the world's great desideratum-a religion which shall make the salvation of the body the great central idea, instead of the soul. True morality is physiological instead of theological.

ness and nastiness.

The salvation of our country demands that we have some new element of life and vitality infused into our great political system, and that it be done immediately. But there is in existence no unappropriated influence that can be brought in, except the feminine element. Everything lee has already been brought in and used up. The chains of woman's slavery, which have held her down through so long a lapse of ages, must now be broken. She must have a voice in making those laws to which she is held amenable qually with man. The feminine element has that redemption in it which we must have. Woman alone is pure, temperate and moral. Our politics must be purified, or we will soon be called upon to assist in singing our death requiem thus

> Farewell, vain world; we're going home; We die just like old Greece and Rome :

Our policy has cut our throat— We would not let the women vote,

E. W. F.

The Walla Walla Union criticises very plainly the contemptible conduct of the doughty "Colonel" who "married the Statesman" in maliciously misquoting from its article on the locks at the Cascades, saying his action "was that of a deliberate forger," and gives the following quotation as descriptive of him:

!" Awed by no shame, by no respect controlled, In scandal busy, in reproaches bold; With fifthy malice studious to defame, Hate all his joy and profit all his alm ; Spicen to mankind his envious heart possessed, And much he hates all, but most the best,"

The Kalloch trial in San Francisco has shown that California can produce a crop of even more creatile liars than Louisiana. Desperate efforts Young fired the first shot, and a number of wit-

GENERAL NEWS.

A cremation society has been incoporated in New York.

Ex-President Hayes is said to be pleased with Garfield's Cabinet.

President Garfield has consulted General Grant about appointments to Mexico, China and Japan. Senator Mahone of Virginia has taken his seat with the Republicans, but declines to enter either party caucus

The New York World says the Republican "stalwarts, and half-breeds" are both satisfied with Garfield's Cabinet.

The Italian bark Ajace was wrecked off Coney Island on the 5th, and only one man of the vessel's officers and crew was saved.

On Thursday night last, an explosion occurred in a coal mine at Almy, Wyoming, three whites and thirty-five Chinese being killed.

President Garfield has stated that he will make numerous changes in the various department offi-ces—in fact, will infuse "new blood" into them.

Jewell, Chairman of the National Republican Committee, says that hereafter Republicans only will be appointed to office throughout the country. On Saturday last, Pink Pratt was hanged at Marietta, Ga., in the presence of 8,000 people, his father, brothers and sisters being among the

The President has nominated Wm. M. Evarts. Allen G. Thurman and Timothy O. Howe for United States Commissioners to the International Monetary Conference at Paris.

The Wisconsin Legislature is still balloting for a United States Senator. It is thought Cameron cannot succeed. On the forty-third ballot, he lacked ten of the requisite number of votes.

On Thursday morning last, the Eureka Powder Mills, located six or eight miles back of Oakland, Cal., were destroyed by an explosion, when two Chinamen were killed and several other employes wounded.

On Sunday last, the Pennsylvania Insane Asylum, located at Danville, was burned. The five hundred inmates were removed, without accident, to detached buildings. Loss, \$600,000; insurance, \$250,000.

Fred Douglass' color is offensive to some "nice" people at Washington, and they want him de-losed from the Marshalship and sent as Minister to Brazil, "where numerous colored men hold high official positions."

The House has passed the new apportionment bill, making 319 the number of Congressmen. The South gains thirteen members and loses none, while the North gains sixteen and loses three; so meither section gets any advantage.

On Hancock's arrival at Washington on the 4th, he received a most enthusiastic reception from about 15,000 people. The horses were taken from his carriage, and he was drawn up Pennsyl-vania avenue by men, while the cheers were

The President of the Chicago Lumberman's Exchange makes the startling statement that, owing to the enormous growth of the lumber business, it will take only 20 years to exhaust the great pine forests of the country if the present rate of epletion continues.

"Hayes' supply of back-bone held out to the last." He vetoed the three-per-cent refunding bill, basing his objections on the fifth or "compulsory" section, which would force national banks to purchase the new bonds and deposit them as security for circulation.

An international six-day pedestrian contest between England and America is in progress in New York. Rowell and Albert are engaged in a go-as-you-please, while Vaughan and O'Leary walk heel-and-toe. The Americans, Albert and O'Leary, both appear to be losing.

Another great snow-storm prevailed last Saturday throughout the Northwest. Railroad trains were blockaded in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. Much stock is dying in snow-banks. At Waukegan, Ills., the snow was up to the second stories of buildings, and in many other towns it drifted nearly as

Large sums of money have been raised by the Dutch and the Irish in Eastern cities and sent to assist the Boers in their struggle with Great Britian. It is also said that a bark, carrying over 500 well-armed Irishmen and four Gatling guns, secretly sailed from Key West, Florida, recently, its destination Dehagoo Bay.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Germany's population is 45, 194, 172.

Hanlan, the oarsman, was given a grand recep-tion at Toronto on his arrival from England. It is said that an extensive trade in corpses was carried on between Canada and the United States during the Winter.

General Roberts has been sent to the Transvaal to assume command of the British forces. Fresh troops will also be sent.

A severe storm prevailed on Monday along the west coast of Europe, and numerous vessels were wrecked and many persons drowned.

An earthquake has almost destroyed the town of Casamarciano on the island of Ischia. It is feared the loss of life by falling buildings will reach 200.

Sugar cane and coffee fields in Antioquia, Colombia, were badly damaged by frost about two weeks ago. The loss is between \$1,000,000 and

An armistice until the 14th instant has been agreed on by the Boers and the British, and peace negotiations are pending. It is said the Boers will accept peace only on their own terms—full amnesty and the independence of Transvaal.

The British are preparing for the evacuation of Candahar, Afghanistan, and a sanguinary struggle for its possession will doubtless ensue between Ayoob Khan and the Ameer Abdurraman Khan. Thus the British are throwing away a scientific frontier which it cost so much to gain.

re being made by the defense to prove that De foung fired the first shot, and a number of witness have been arrested for perjury.

At the Inaugural ball on the evening of March h, General Hancock was among the first to rest and congratulate President Garfield. The naffected cordiality of both was noticeable.

The English authorities having gotten up a scare about trichinosis in imported pork, the Newcastle Chronicle shows how foolish their action is sends annually to England some 700,000,000 pounds of hog products, forming, next to cotton, the most extensive import trade of Liverpool, and yet not a single case of death from trichinosis has ever been proved to have occurred in Great Britain.

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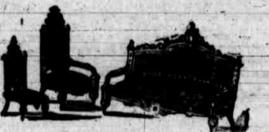
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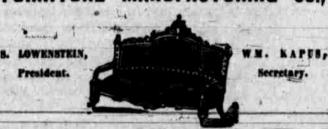
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