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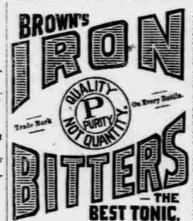
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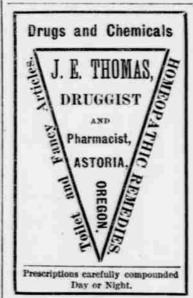
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There are so many false quantities running through the figures that it is not an easy matter to determine how many votes will be cast at the next election. Excessive estimates nwever, can have no other effect but to create margins for repeaters. Strtistics are not yet in such shape as to present a complete check to their operations. The total number of votes cast in the election of 1872 was 6,466,-165. The unpopularity of Greeley in the south may have prevented a full vote. In 1876 the total vote was 8,-413,766 an increase in four years of nearly two millions. In 1880 the total vote was 9,193,743 -an increase of only 780,977. The only conclusion which can be fairly deduced from these facts, making due allowance for

the light Democratic vote for Greeley. is that there must have been very heavy ballot-box stuffing all roand in There has been a large immigration during the past four years, but it cannot vote without fraud. the increase from 1880 to 1884 is in the same ratio as that between 1876 and 1880, the total number of votes at the next presidential election ought not to exceed ten millions That would give a ratio of one voter

to every 51/4 inhabitants. The United States is not the only country by any means in which manhood suffrage prevails. Every citizen of the age of twenty-one has the right to vote in France. That republic in 1876 contained a population of 36,905,788. In that year the number of legal voters was 9,948,070, or one voter to every four inhabitants, but families in France are usually small. Manhood suffrage is also the rule in the new empire of Germany, in Italy and some of the minor king-

Great Britain is more backward than any of the civilized nations in this particular. At the last parliamentary election in England there were only 2,211,470 voters in a population of 21,495,331; in Wales 129,293 in a population of 1,217,135; in Scot-land 295,420 voters in a population of 3,360,018; and in Ireland 230,873 voters in a population of 5,411,016—making a grand total of 2,866,956 voters in a population of 31,483,700 one voter to every eleven inhabitants But, notwithstanding these facts, there is a general notion that liberty is more highly developed and more widely diffused in the Island Empire than on the adjoining continent. The effect of the bill about which the commons and lords are now wrang-ling would be to add about 2,000,000 more to the voting lists. But that would only bring up the ratio of voters to 1 to every 6½, and would still be a long way off from the man hood suffrage which prevails in the United States, France. Germany and Italy. There will even then be a milion at least of disfranchised men.

so broad an application as in the United States. With us it reaches United States. to every form of government. It is the active political principle in state and city, as well as in the federal government. France comes next to the United States. Manhood suffrage has a wider scope there than in any of the other nations of Europe. It is in operation in the election of the departmental assemblies, and also in a restricted sense in the municipalities. But in Germany and England it is chiefly brought into play in electing members of parliament and members of the reichstag. The suf-frage in the municipalities is gov-erned by a lot of old precedents and charters exhibiting little or no uniformity. But our ten millions of in national politics that many sup-pose. We do not vote-directly for president and vice president, but for electors, who perform that service for us. In this way large popular majorities in some states are often dissi-pated. It is possible for a minority of the voters to elect the president of the United States. As a matter of fact the minority has often done so. Lincoln the first time was elected by a vote only equal to that cast now by New York and Ohio. It did not amount to a great deal over one-third | Press. of the total vote. Tilden received 157,020 more popular votes than Hayes, but the latter had one majority in the electoral college. Garfield had only 3,834 more popular votes than Hancock, but the former had nevertheless 59 majority in the elec-

toral college.
Of the ten millions who are to vote on November 4th. not less than nine millions had made up their minds how they were going to vote before the nominations were made. The whole effort has been to gain over the independent thinkers. But they are by no means so large a body as is generally supposed. Probably the estimate of a million is too high. Political enmity growing out of the war is the largest factor in producing steady voting. It is the cause of the solid south and the partially solid north. The election that is now at hand is the first for a long time that has been fought without a sectional issue. The tariff was once a sectional millions had made up their minds issue. The tariff was once a sectional issue, it is true, but it can hardly be said to be so now. If other questions could be pushed aside, Louisiana, George and Florida could not be relied on now for free trade. At no distant day the Carolinas will be found

in the same group. The Russian ministry of marine proposes to send an expedition to the north pole. Starting from northeast-ern Siberia or Jeannette island, and proceeding on foot over the ice in several parties, with large depots in the rear, it is thought they may do some valuable exploring of supposed islands north of Jeannette. The idea of going on foot and leaving stores of provisions as they advance is sensible as a means of safety to themselves,

One is remarkably exempt from the crime of hasty induction if he affirms that there is no sane or mortal who anticipates his extinction with any degree of pleasure. The function of dying is absolutely vegetative-we fall to like a flower. This very fact, that the process is chemical, confirms us in the conclusion that the final "throe' is as painless as the inconvenience is nothing to the foetal pilgrim when he touches on daylight. A moment's examination of the way we are to die will show marks of goodness in our "taking off." The degree of sensibil-ity is proportioned to the integrity of the tissues. An inflammation heightens it; age depreciates it. Any defect in nutrition disturbs the comfort of the individual until the car bonic acid generated in the devital-ization of the blood becomes fixed in the cells or is no longer displaced. The sensory ganglia everwhere cease to conduct currents. During the progress of this dissolution of nerve force, this creeping on of this numb-ness of death, the individual is rap idly passing into a condition of repose, and instead of torture or

pangs, a degree of self-satisfaction oft approaching to enthusiasm is realized. The sensations peculiar to the operation of opium, hashish, ether, etc., are not improbably akin to the mental activities of the dying. ing the hallucinations in the stupor as it gains on the subject, the moribund is familiar with naught that borders on suffering. In short, the motion of pain is forbidden the instant that any stimulant fails to excite a respon

Fortunately, for a wholesome study of one's demise, there are assurances abundant, from vivisection, the testimony of those who have been restored to consciousness, and the affirmations of the dying, that there is no physical recoil from death. Burney tried hard to resist the efforts made to resuscitate him from drowning, so bewitch-ed was he by his prolonged slumber. Dr. Solander, the traveler, was so delighted with the sensations of excessive cold, that he was the first to lie down in the snow to realize the luxury of such a death. Wm. Hunter was sorry he was not able to "write how easy and delightful it is to die." Infants die as serenely as they breathe, and not a few among the advanced in years treat death as a friend to their infirmities. Hanging strangulation, that the agony promised to be brief, and was fapidly replaced by hallucinations of a fascin-

ating variety.

One would fain believe that the kind of God who suffered for us to feel no sigh in coming would take no delight in turning our farewell into writhing—nay, he does not quit us at the last. He is our greatest bene-But universal suffrage has nowhere factor in allowing us to sleep out of weariness. Death is, assuredly, no tax collector; its "jaws" are not the clutches of an assailant; there is no "victory to the grave;" the ghost speeds away from us as it entered, with no ruffle. The sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as the sense of death, as Shakespeare has it, is most in approximately as the sense of death, as the sense of d prehension. It is the fear of the lonely night, not the throes of nature, that makes the leaving painful.

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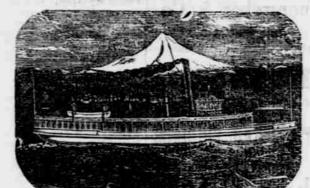
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