

The Democrat.

A CURIOUS ARGUMENT.

The Boston Journal has turned its attention to the imposition of a duty on tea, and advances some curious reasons for the measure. It says that when the duty was removed from tea and coffee sixteen years ago, by act of congress a ten per cent ad valorem clause was retained, laying that amount on the importation of teas shipped from any port east of the Cape of Good Hope. "This was done," the Journal explains, "to prevent England from entering into direct competition with American merchants," an explanation which might lead the readers of that paper to assume that tea is grown in England, and that American merchants needed protection from the cheap pauper labor of that continent but still vigorous monarchy. People who read papers not so thoroughly saturated with high tariff ideas, and who do some thinking on their own account, will be likely to suspect however, that the clause was retained for the sole purpose of enabling American importers and speculators to get a higher price for their wares than might be the case if English merchants had an equal chance in our markets. Evidently the democrats in congress thought so, for about four years ago this ten per cent. discrimination was abolished, and anybody who wished could go into the markets of the world, whether from London, Amsterdam or New York, buy tea, and sell it to Americans without regard to the custom houses. To the average tea drinker this would seem to be an exceedingly fair and equitable arrangement, one calculated to break corners, trusts, combinations and the like, and to secure to the consumer a good supply of tea at the lowest market price. It appears that this is exactly the way the policy has worked, for the Journal complains that "the result has been to open our markets to London merchants, who have literally flooded us with cheap Congo teas to the exclusion of home interests; and London agents have carried the matter so far as to solicit orders for ten, twenty and twenty-five packages of tea from dealers in the interior selling the teas at very low prices and allowing credits of four and even six months to purchasers." This, in the opinion of the Journal, is a very bad state of affairs. But the "home interests" appear to be pretty well secured with tea which the English merchant is willing to furnish at low prices and on easy terms, and it is not clear why the American consumers should complain. The English merchant buys his teas in the same markets that the merchants of Boston, New York and Philadelphia have access to; the voyage across the ocean is no shorter for an English than an American, and business principles are the same the world over. The American merchant has the same opportunity to study the market, buy his teas and sell them that anybody has, but that is not enough. He wants a clear field, free from the wicked London agents of wicked London firms, in order that he may push up the price of tea at pleasure. In other words, he wants a "soft snap," and looks to the tariff, and a republican congress to help him to it.

Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, declares that "the tariff question will certainly be the leading issue in the next congress, as the demand for revision is as great now as ever, and the party cannot afford to disregard the wishes of a majority of the people." If Senator Aldrich were a democrat this statement would be taken by our republican friends as a proof that he had received a handsome invoice of British gold from the headquarters of the Cobden Club.

Much excitement has been caused in the Chickasaw Indian nation by a decision by the Supreme Court of the nation, which disfranchises every white man who holds his citizenship through marriage with an Indian woman. The Supreme Court is composed of two full-blood Indians and one half breed, the latter dissenting from the opinion. For twenty-five years it has been an unwritten law that a white man's marriage to an Indian woman made him a citizen.

There has been completed recently at the capital a painting which is attracting much attention. It is the work of Harrison Eastman, of Washington. It represents the arrival of the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock. The picture was painted for Mrs. Leland Stanford, wife of Senator Stanford, of California, and is the result of long and laborious research on the part of the artist. It is said the price paid for the work is \$25,000.

Some of the republican newspapers are urging intelligent fathers who have sons to withhold their patronage from Harvard College because its president has come out openly as a democrat and for tariff reform. These editorial brethren by and by will want a commission appointed by President Harrison to put out the sun because it gives too much light.

STUCK OIL.—At \$1.25 per 5 gallon can best Standard oil, at the Willamette Packing Co.'s store.

It is announced at Washington that the President is not going to bother himself about the negro vote, which shows that Mr. Harrison is wise enough not to waste his energy and the spoils at his disposal unnecessarily. The Republican party long ago proved that it could keep the negro voters faithful without doing anything for them.

The postmaster general has established a new postoffice in Uinta county, Wyoming, and called it Grover. The postmaster's name is Thurman. Grover and Thurman go together gracefully, but it is regarded as an extraordinary combination for Mr. Wanamaker to set up.

A 16 year old girl has been arrested in New York for the atrocious crime of stealing her father's trousers while he slept and pawning them. Notwithstanding she was young and pretty she was sentenced to four months imprisonment.

Given Away.

For the benefit of our customers we will give away on Jan 1st, the following:

- 1 Dinner set, 120 pieces, \$25.
- 1 Tea set, 44 pieces, \$7.50.
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These goods are of the best English ware and a credit to any table. Give us a call and get not only the best bargains in pure fresh groceries but secure a chance at one or more of these elegant sets of dishes.

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