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In 1872.

VICTORIA C. WOODHULL

SUBJECT TO

RATIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

THE REPORTS OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

ON THE

WOODHULL MEMORIAL.

THE "SETTING SUN"

OF POLITICAL DISFRANCHISEMENT AND

"THE DAWN"

OF CONSTITUTIONAL EQUALITY.

January 30, 1871.—Recommended to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BINGHAM, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of Victoria C. Woodhull, having considered the same, make the following report:

The memorialist asks the enactment of a law by Congress which shall secure to citizens of the United States in the several States the right to vote "without regard to sex." Since the adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution, there is no longer any reason to doubt that all persons, born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside, for that is the express declaration of the Amendment.

The clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," does not, in the opinion of the Committee, refer to privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States other than those privileges and immunities embraced in the original text of the Constitution, article IV., section 2. The Fourteenth Amendment, it is believed, did not add to the privileges or immunities before mentioned, but was deemed necessary for their enforcement as an express limitation upon the powers of the States. It had been judicially determined that the first eight Articles of Amendment of the Constitution were not limitations on the power of the States, and it was apprehended that the same might be held of the provision of the second section, fourth article.

To remedy this defect of the Constitution, the express limitations upon the States contained in the first section of the Fourteenth Amendment, together with the grant of power in Congress to enforce them by legislation, were incorporated in the Constitution. The words "citizens of the United States" and "citizens of the States," as employed in the Fourteenth Amendment, did not change or modify the relations of citizens of the State and nation as they existed under the original Constitution.

Attorney-General Bates gave the opinion that the Constitution uses the word "citizen" only to express the political

quality of the individual in his relation to the nation; to declare that he is a member of the body politic, and bound to it by the reciprocal obligations of allegiance on the one side and protection on the other. The phrase "a citizen of the United States, without addition or qualification, means neither more nor less than a member of the nation." (Opinion of Attorney-General Bates on citizenship.)

The Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that, according to the express words and clear meaning of the second section, fourth article of the Constitution, no privileges are secured by it except those which belong to citizenship. (Conner et al. vs. Elliott et al., 18 Howard, 593.)

In Corfield vs. Coryell, 4 Washington Court Reports, 380, the court say:

"The inquiry is, what are the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States? We feel no hesitation in confining these expressions to those privileges and immunities which are in their nature fundamental; which belong of right to the citizens of all free governments; and which have at all times been enjoyed by the citizens of the several States which compose this Union, from the time of their becoming free, independent and sovereign. What these fundamental principles are, would perhaps be more tedious than difficult to enumerate. They may, however, be all comprehended under the following general heads: Protection by the Government; the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the right to acquire and possess property of every kind, and to pursue and obtain happiness and safety, subject, nevertheless, to such restraints as the Government may justly prescribe for the general good of the whole; the right of a citizen of one State to pass through or to reside in any other State, for the purposes of trade, agriculture, professional pursuits, or otherwise; to claim the benefit of the writ of habeas corpus; to institute and maintain actions of any kind in the courts of the State; to take, hold and dispose of property either real or personal; and an exemption from higher taxes or impositions than are paid by the other citizens of the State, may be mentioned as some of the particular privileges and immunities of citizens which are clearly embraced by the general description of privileges deemed to be fundamental; to which may be added the elective franchise, as regulated and established by the laws or constitution of the State in which it is to be exercised. . . . But we cannot accede to the proposition which was insisted on by the counsel, that under this provision of the Constitution (sec. 2, art. IV.) the citizens of the several States are permitted to participate in all the rights which belong exclusively to the citizens of any other particular State."

The learned Justice Story declared that the intention of the clause ("the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all the privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States,") was to confer on the citizens of each State a general citizenship, and communicated all the privileges and immunities which a citizen of the same State would be entitled to under the same circumstances. (Story of the Constitution, Vol. II., p. 608.)

February 1, 1871—Ordered to be printed.

In the matter of the memorial of Victoria C. Woodhull, referred by the House to the Committee on the Judiciary, the undersigned, members of the Committee, being unable to agree to the report of the Committee, present the following as their views upon the subject of the memorial:

The memorialist sets forth that she is a native born citizen of the United States, and a resident thereof; that she is of adult age, and has resided in the State of New York for three years past; that by the Constitution of the United States she is guaranteed the right of suffrage; but that she is, by the laws of the State of New York, denied the exercise of that right; and that by the laws of different States and Territories the privilege of voting is denied to all the female citizens of the United States; and petitions for relief by the enactment of some law to enforce the provisions of the Constitution, by which such right is guaranteed.

The question presented is one of exceeding interest and importance, involving as it does the constitutional rights not only of the memorialist but of more than one-half of the citizens of the United States—a question of constitutional law in which the civil and the natural rights of the citizen are involved. Questions of propriety or of expediency have nothing to do with it. The question is not “Would it be expedient to extend the right of suffrage to women?” but “Have women citizens that right by the Constitution as it is?”

A question of this kind should be met fairly and investigated in that generous and liberal spirit characteristic of the age, and decided upon principles of justice, of right and of law.

It is claimed by many that to concede to woman the right of suffrage would be an innovation upon the laws of nature, and upon the theory and practice of the world for ages in the past, and especially an innovation upon the common law of England, which was originally the law of this country, and which is the foundation of our legal fabric.

If we were to admit the truth of this, it is yet no argument against the proposition, if the right claimed exists, and is established by the Constitution of the United States. The question is to be decided by the Constitution and the fundamental principles of our Government, and not by the usages and dogmas of the past.

It is a gratifying fact that the world is advancing in political science, and gradually adopting more liberal and rational theories of government.

The establishment of this Government upon the principles of the Declaration of Independence was in itself a great innovation upon the theories and practice of the world, and opened a new chapter in the history of the human race, and its progress toward perfect civil and political liberty.

But it is not admitted that the universal usage of the past has been in opposition to the exercise of political power by women. The highest positions of civil power have from time to time been filled by women in all ages of the world, and the question of the right of women to a voice in government is not a new one by any means, but has been agitated, and the right acknowledged and exercised, in governments far less free and liberal than ours.

In the Roman Republic, during its long and glorious career, women occupied a higher position, as to political rights and privileges, than in any other contemporaneous government. In England unmarried women have, by the laws of that country, always been competent to vote and to hold civil offices, if qualified in other respects; at least such is the weight of authority. In "Callis upon Sewers," an old English work, will be found a discussion of the question as to the right of women to hold office in England.

The learned and distinguished author uses the following language :

"And for temporal governments I have observed women to have from time to time been admitted to the highest places; for in ancient Roman history I find Eudocia and Theodora admitted at several times into the sole government of the Empire; and here in England our late famous Queen Elizabeth, whose government was most renowned; and Semiramis governed Syria; and the Queen of the South, which came to visit Solomon, for anything that appears to the contrary, was a sole queen; and to fall a degree lower, we have precedents that King Richard the First and King Henry the Fifth appointed by commissions their mothers to be regents of this realm in their absence in France.

“But yet I will descend a step lower; and doth not our law temporal and spiritual admit of woman to be executrices and administratrixes? And thereby they have the rule and ordering of great estates, and many times they are guardians in chivalry, and have hereby also the government of many great heirs in the kingdom and of their own estates.

"So by these cases it appeareth that the common law of this kingdom submitted many things to their government; yet the statute of justices of the peace is like to Jethro's counsel to Moses, for there they speak of men to be justices, and thereby seemeth to exclude women; but our statute of sewers is, Commission of sewers shall be granted by the King to such person and persons as the lords shall appoint.' So the word persons stands indifferently for either sex. I am

of the opinion, for the authorities, reasons and causes aforesaid, that this honorable countess being put into the commission of the sewers, the same is warrantable by the law; and the ordinances and decrees made by her and the other commissions of sewers are not to be impeached for that cause of her sex."

As it is said by a recent writer:

"Even at present in England the idea of women holding official station is not so strange as in the United States. The Countess of Pembroke had the office of sheriff of Westmoreland and exercised it in person. At the assizes she sat with the judges on the bench. In a reported case it is stated by counsel and assented to by the court that a woman is capable of serving in almost all the offices of the kingdom."

As to the right of women to vote by the common law of England, the authorities are clear. In the English Law Magazine for 1868, 69, Vol. XXVI, p. 120, will be found reported the case of the application of Jane Allen, who claimed to be entered upon the list of voters of the Parish of St. Giles, under the reform act of 1867, which act provides as follows: Every man shall, in and after the year 1868, be entitled to be registered as a voter, and when registered to vote for a member or members to serve in Parliament, who is qualified as

It was decided by the court that the claimant had the right to be registered and to a vote; that by the English law, the term man, as used in that statute, included women. In that case the common law of England upon that question was fully and ably reviewed, and we may be excused for quoting at some length:

"And as to what has been said or there being no such adjudged cases, I must say that it is perfectly clear that not perhaps in either of three cases reported by Mr. Shaen, but in those of Catharine *vs.* Surry, Coates *vs.* Lyle and Holt *vs.* Lyle, three cases of somewhat greater antiquity, the right of women freeholders was allowed by the courts. These three cases were decided by the judges in the reign of James I. (A. D. 1612). Although no printed report of them exists, I find that in the case of Olive *vs.* Ingraham, they were repeatedly cited by the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in the course of four great arguments in that case, the case being reargued three times (7 Mod., 264), and the greatest respect was manifested by the whole court for those precedents. Their importance is all the greater when we consider what the matter was upon which King James' judges sitting in Westminster Hall had to decide. It was not simply the case of a mere occupier, inhabitant, or scot or lot voter. Therefore the question did not turn upon the purport of a special custom, or a charter, or a local act of Parliament, or even of the common right in this or that borough. But it was that very matter and question which has been mooted in the dictum of Lord Coke, the freeholder's franchise in the shire, and upon that the decision in each case expressly was, that a *feme sole* shall vote if she hath a freehold, and that it she be not a *feme sole*, but a *feme covert* having freehold, then her husband during her coverture shall vote in her right. These, then, are so many express decisions which at once displace Lord Coke's unsupported assertion and declare the law so as to constrain my judgment. It is sometimes said, when reference is made to precedents of this kind, that they have never been approved by the bar. But that cannot be said of these. Hakewell, the contemporary of Lord Coke and one of the greatest of all contemporary lawyers then living—for even Selden and Granvil were not greater than Hakewell—left behind him the manuscript to which I have referred, with his comments on those cases."

Sir William Lee, Chief Justice, in his judgment in the case of Olive *vs.* Ingraham, expressly says that he had perused them, and that they contained the expression of Hakewell's entire approval of the principles upon which they were decided, and of the results deduced: and we have the statement of Lord Chief Justice Lee, who had carefully examined those cases, that in the case of Holt *vs.* Lyle it was determined that a *feme sole* freeholder may claim a vote for Parliament men; but if married her husband must vote for her.

In the case of Olive vs. Ingraham, Justice Probyn says:
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"The case of *Holt vs. Lyle*, lately mentioned by my Lord Chief Justice, is a very strong case. "They who may ought to choose whom they shall pay." And the Lord Chief Justice seemed to have assented to that general proposition as authority for the correlative proposition, that "women, when sole, had a right to vote." At all events, there is here the strongest possible evidence that in the reign of James I., the *feme sole*, being the freeholder of a country, or what is the same thing, of a county, of a city, or town or borough where, of custom, freeholders had the right to vote, not only had, but exercised the parliamentary franchise. If married she could not vote in respect merely of her freehold, not because of the incapacities of coverture, but for this simple reason, that, by the act of marriage, which is an act of law, the title of the *feme sole* freeholder became vested for life in the husband. The qualification to vote was not personal, but real; consequently, her right to vote became suspended a soon and for as long as she was married. I am bound to consider that the question as to what weight is due to the dictum of my Lord Coke is entirely disposed of by those cases from the reign of James I., and George II., and that the authority of the latter is unimpaired by any later authority as the cases of *Rex vs. Stables*, and *Regina vs. Abernethy* abundantly show."

In Austey's Notes on the New Reform Act of 1867, the authorities and precedents upon the right of women to vote in England are examined and summed up, and the author concludes:

"It is submitted that the weight of authority is very greatly in favor of the female right of suffrage. Indeed, the only authority against it is contained in the short and hasty dictum of Lord Coke, referred to above. It was set down by him in his last and least authoritative institute, and it is certain that he has been followed neither by the great lawyers of his time nor by the judiciary. The principles of the law in relation to the suffrage of females will be found in *Coates vs. Lyle*, *Holt vs. Lyle*, *Olive vs. Ingraham*, and *the King vs. Stubbs*, cases decided under the strict rules for the construction of statutes."

It cannot be questioned, that from time, whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, unmarried women have been, by the laws of England, competent voters, subject to the freehold qualification which applied alike to men and women. Married women could not vote because they were not freeholders; by the common law their property, upon marriage, became vested in the husband.

So that it appears that the admission of women to participation in the affairs of government would not be so much an innovation upon the theories and usage of the past as by some supposed.

In England the theory was that in property representation all property should be represented. Here the theory is that of personal representation, which, of course, if carried out fully, includes the representation of all property. In England, as we have seen, the owner of the property, whether male or female, was entitled to representation, no distinction being made on account of sex. If the doctrine contended for by the majority of the Committee be correct, then this Government is less liberal upon this question than the Government of England has been for hundreds of years, for there in this country a large class of citizens of adult age, and owners in their own right of large amounts of property, and who pay a large proportion of the taxes to support the Government, who are denied any representation whatever, either for themselves or their property—unmarried women, of whom it cannot be said that their interests are represented by their husbands. In their case neither the English nor the American theory of representation is carried out, and the utter denial of representation is justified upon the ground alone that this class of citizens are women.

Surely we cannot be so much less liberal than our English ancestors! Surely the Constitution of this Republic does not sanction an injustice so indefensible as that!

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"The parties have named all the principal seaports as their ports of arrival and departure. It is therefore evidently their intention to create the separate services named in the bill of semi-monthly, weekly, semi-weekly and tri-weekly. This gives the aggregate mail pay of two million one hundred thousand dollars per annum—a sum never before thought of by the 'wildcat raiders' upon the government treasury.

"As the United States is in debt, and will remain so for a longer period than this contract, all disbursements made take interest and interest thereon, and no arrangement of finance can remove this actual *compounding of interest*, either against a State or an individual, until that State or individual is not only free from debt, but has more money than can be invested profitably. Hence this wildly extravagant bill, if passed, will take from the Government, in the fifteen years, the enormous sum of \$82,055,432.

"There is no difficulty in having the mails carried in American steamships for the postage which will arise from the service; and this is the only safe way for the government to arrange an ocean mail system, for under it the carriers become interested in developing such a system to the greatest extent, that their own revenue may be enlarged. Getting an enormous subsidy will not increase the mails; it will not increase commerce, except in undeveloped quarters. This bill only takes up those ports and places where commerce is already created and developed to its fullest extent. It can only divide that commerce, which, the large portion of it being now carried in steamships without any subsidy whatever, is sufficient evidence that the postal receipts will be a sufficient inducement, if given for a long period, without adding to our people's burden a drain of eighty-two millions of dollars to enrich a monopoly which will utterly destroy the individual enterprise of merchants.

"It is desirable, most desirable, to see our commerce re-established upon the ocean, but this is not the process to accomplish it. Adopt such a system as that of England. It should be done by the President and his Cabinet, so far as determining upon routes, and then either accepting offers for service under a general law, properly adapted, or by conditional contracts, subject to Congressional approval. In this way paying routes would be opened; proper commercial relations be established; and Congress would be relieved from the discussion of such wild and visionary schemes, as this American and European Company presents, of robbing the States and ports of the Atlantic of the business which belongs to their citizens, and plundering the government and people of \$82,000,000.

"Such a monopoly created by Congress, will do much to rouse the spirit of the workmen against its oppressive influence, as well as against those who are instrumental in forcing it into existence; and the same cry of 'Down with monopolies,' which swept over the land some thirty-five years ago, and changed all party relations, will again be heard and felt.

"Sec. 8. The whole of this section is arranged to cover an express-business monopoly, without other liability than that of common carrier, but with every facility for smuggling 'under the provisions of this act.' It is drawn with practiced skill by one familiar with custom-house and revenue service; made to appear fair, while it contains and conceals all the facilities and means of corrupting the officers of the revenue, when placed in isolated positions, where investigation is difficult and discovery rendered nearly impossible by the well-prepared guards which are skillfully placed to conceal it. The mere direction of the Secretary of the Treasury—for that is all that is nominally left him—amounts to little, for even that direction is practically ignored by a *restrictive clause*, placed at the end of the section; thus a Cabinet Minister, the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, is made subservient to, if this bill be passed, a legalized smuggling company. Such effrontery has rarely been equalled as is contained in the sentence, 'And direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, as heretofore provided.'

"Sec. 9. The effect of this section, as it stands amended, is to partially destroy all supervision of the Treasury Department over importations in these steamers, leaving almost the control of the revenue to the discretion of these parties.

"Sec. 10. Provides that the examining, appraising, assessing, levying and collecting of the revenue upon importations shall be done in the buildings of this company at all the ports of the Atlantic seaboard! It is a transfer practically of the custom-houses of the country to this company, and probably it would appear fairer to the people if this should be amended so as to declare the Treasury Department abolished and its functions transferred to this wonderful company.

"Sec. 11. On this section a New York paper gives the following expression: In it 'we find a cunningly hidden provision for giving this corporation a business and a fortune—the richest plum in the pickings of the custom-house—the one item which has caused more wrangling and discontent than all others put together—that which is known as the General Order business! This is infamous! This is a monopoly with a vengeance, not only on sea, but on shore; not only for one port, but for all; not only for one ship, but for every one; for if this odious bill is passed, with its outrageous advantages, there will be no use in competing with the company's vessels. All other American ships and companies had better hasten to crawl under its cut-throat flag at once,

and American commerce—what there is left of it—give up the ghost!"

The Washington *Republican* says this steamship bill "is one of those monstrosities in which rarely make their appearance, and only at times when integrity and moral principle are for a brief time buried beneath corruption and the insatiable greed of gain. It would be no less an error than a wrong to charge this monstrosity upon the Senate, or upon any individual Senator. It originated entirely outside of the Senate and apparently with some parties well skilled in revenue matters, so far as they are to be evaded under practices too often occurring in the custom-houses of the country, and by which the government is cheated out of large sums by false appraisements, by false invoices and by fraudulent practices, either through ignorance, connivance with, or actual design of its officers.

"The atrocities provided for in the original bill have from time to time been exposed by many of the Republican journals, and as often the bill has, chameleon like, changed its form and color, only to substitute some other as tortuous and as dusky, to conceal the one great object—plunder of the people's money."

This journal was the first to point out the atrocities of the American and European, and the American Mail and Ocean Transportation Companies. Since then intelligent journals, guarding the people's interests, of both parties, have denounced the schemes. The Chicago *Tribune* has severely criticized Senator Conkling for introducing one of them, and that Senator has, on the floor of the Senate, felt it due to himself to say that it was only introduced by special request, and that he neither favored nor was responsible therefor.

We learn that the parties engineering this bill have proposed to take out "all the stealing sections," and make a new, and, as nearly as they can, an "honest bill"—but what Senator or member of Congress would trust to this? Who would trust the man or men who arrange to plunder, and when detected, offer to take the same property—honestly—if they can get it?

Neither the House or Senate are likely to be thus cajoled. The remedy for all such attempts is for Congress to provide such measures as will enable ship-builders in our own country to supply vessels as cheaply as they are built abroad. When this is done there are enough of merchants ready to unite in placing steamers upon the ocean without demanding such subsidies as would bankrupt the United States Treasury.

A HISTORICAL PICTURE.

We copy upon the last page of this number, the picture of the female suffragists before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States, from *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Weekly*. It represents Victoria C. Woodhull in the act of delivering her address to said Committee. As this scene will, in after time, be considered as the turning point in the movement for political equality, we are glad to be able, through the courtesy of Mr. Leslie, to present it to our readers, though it has had the very wide circulation of his valuable and artistic journal.

We should be guilty of utter unappreciativeness did we not make some public acknowledgment of so public an expression of the importance which attaches to the movement this picture commemorates, in which it has been our privilege to take a prominent part. It is the beginning of that which must ultimately in making women equal, in political rights, with men. It does not ask Congress to grant anything. It only demands that women shall be protected in exercising rights which they are already possessed of, and herein differs from all previous movements in their favor. We only repeat what all concerned know when we say, that when the Female Suffrage Conventionists met in Washington they were entirely ignorant of what had already been done, and many of them are still "sticking" to the XVI. Amendment as their redemption. We would simply ask such the question, How do they expect to ever get a XVI. Amendment through Congress if Congress will not enforce the plain language of the Constitution, as it was, to say nothing about the XIV. and XV. Amendments? The trouble in the movement has always been the same which exists in the Church: "There is no other way to heaven except the one we prescribe," and consequently there are numberless small factions wasting their strength in contention. We know there is already a way to the heaven of political equality; it only requires that the rubbish in the path be cleared away so that sight of it can be gained by those who wish to hide it, not only from themselves, but from those who seek it.

We suggest that after carefully reading this paper it be laid away. Future ages will ask questions which it will assist in answering.

EXPLANATION:—On account of the length of the reports of the Judiciary Committee on the Woodhull Memorial, which we publish this week, much of our regular matter is laid over, some of which we regret to be obliged to defer, but the importance of these reports we think fully justifies us.

We invite attention to the advertisement in another column of the Elizabethtown and Paducah Railroad First Mortgage Bonds. We understand, from the houses offering them for sale, which houses are of the highest financial standing, that the road is based on the soundest foundation, and, from their representations, we think this security worthy of the consideration of capitalists.

THE CARPET BAGGER'S FRAUDS AND THEFTS IN THE SOUTH.

The Result of our Exposures of the Swindles in North Carolina.

REWARD OF \$5,000 OFFERED FOR ONE OF THE SWINDLERS.

WILL THE NEW YORK ABETTING BANKERS BE HELD LIABLE?

In our issues of the 12th and 26th of November, and 3d of December, 1870, we exposed very thoroughly the impositions, plundering and swindling practiced upon the State of North Carolina by a set of unprincipled villains, who, under the plausible plea of State improvement, obtained some twenty-five or six millions of dollars of the State bond through the asserted co-operation of Governor Holden and a sufficient lobby in the State Legislature.

The principal movers of the lobby were stated to be one Milton S. Littlefield, a self-styled General; one George W. Swepson, an almshouse manager, yeoman banker, of course of the shoddy sort, though whether the short-cuttings of the wool in this shoddy was from sheep or darker-skinned animals, we did not learn—but it was enough that he joined the shoddy ring either there or here—and to aid them, Messrs. Porter & Fitzhugh, members of a banking firm in this city.

We gave the amounts of each specific appropriation and for each of the roads, and the aggregate. We showed that the State had been bankrupted, and, notwithstanding its actual and its historic integrity, it would be impossible for it to meet the interest on this debt, created with a good intention, but under the most fraudulent representations.

We pointed out, as the results of the infamous robbery, the probable repudiation or *scaling* of this debt, the impeachment of Governor Holden, the arrest of Swepson and of Littlefield, if either or both could be found. With us it was certainly not prophecy but the power of truthful reasoning upon ascertained facts.

We were the first to gather and to group these facts. We were the first to show their ruinous tendency—the first to fearlessly expose the frauds and the parties. The first to point to the remedy: the impeachment of Holden, the unworthy governor of a time honored State, with but one blemish upon its escutcheon—Rebellion, and that being rapidly obliterated by the undying fires of loyalty which could not be extinguished; the arrest of Swepson, of Littlefield, of Porter and Fitzhugh, if the statements were true of the latter, and they could be caught within the limits of the *Old North State*.

These results, just as we named them months ago, have developed under the *truthful exposures* of this journal. Governor Holden is now under impeachment, Swepson under arrest, Littlefield a fugitive from justice. A requisition upon Governor Reid, of Florida, having failed to bring him to justice, because, as alleged, he is *particeps criminis* with him, the Legislature of the State of North Carolina has authorized Governor Caldwell to offer a reward of \$5,000 for his apprehension.

It may not be possible for Governor Caldwell (who by the way was Lieutenant Governor of the State, and becomes Governor under the Constitution while Holden is under impeachment) to sustain the charges against the New York so-called bankers, or to bring them to justice if sustained, although we doubt not Governor Hoffman would render up any man in the State if it were clearly shown he had either robbed or connived at the robbing of a sister State of the Union.

Our friends in the South may see from the present results in North Carolina, that WOODHULL & CLAFLIN'S WEEKLY carries the influence of truth, which must and will prevail in breaking up the fraudulent schemers—the shoddy and pseudo bankers, the railroad "milkers," and swindlers—and they may rely upon our guarding not only them, but the country, from the bold and scheming monopolists of the time.

TO OUR READERS.

We desire to call the attention of our readers, specially to what will always be regarded as a historical event—to the present movement in Congress in favor of political equality. We present the two Reports from the Judiciary Committee in full, and trust all our friends and enemies will give them a full and just consideration. Especially do we ask those who have seen fit to make light of the matter as presented by us, because it was by us, to a fair and unprejudiced examination of the Report of the Minority. The evidence it contains is so overwhelmingly in favor of the position which it was our duty and privilege to bring before Congress, that we cannot see how any, except such as are determined not to be convinced, can fail to come to the conclusions of Messrs. Longbridge and Butler.

It is no matter of expediency, but simply a question of law and of justice; and when Mr. Bingham desired to commit the entire Committee against it these gentlemen would not allow such a stigma to be cast upon them; they have given the question full consideration, and fully sustain our interpretation of the Constitution. We feel sure that it will not be many months before the majority of the people will wonder that this question has slept so quietly so long.

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OUR OCEAN COMMERCE.

THE TRUE MEANS TO REGAIN AND RETAIN IT.

A few brief years ago our "Liners," or Liverpool packets and Havre packets, were the most reliable and best ships upon the ocean. They were the carriers of passengers and merchandise between New York and the ports named. From year to year they were improved in model and sea qualities until they exceeded foreign ships. With the acquisition of California came a necessity for greater speed, and some little of freight capacity was sacrificed to attain it in the "clipper" ships, which, with good winds, were as swift in their voyages as steamers of the present day. We were then in advance of the world in shipbuilding. This stimulated our rivals to new exertions, the results of which are the iron screw-steamers, which, favored by our adversity of war, gained such an advantage as a century of fair competition could not have achieved. We stood still while they advanced in iron work. We called upon Congress to aid, by special laws, for bounties, drawbacks, etc., which would have been unjust to other interests, while they put their practical shoulders to the task—used their own industry, their coal, their ores, and, by skill, concentrated their work, so that, as Senator Chandler said, in his able speech on commerce, delivered in the Senate in May last, "ores and coal go in at one end of the building yard, and come out ships at the other end."

These building yards are the sources then from which England draws her means to control foreign commerce.

The same sources will give us not the same, but better means. Our mechanics are as industrious and as skillful, our ores and coal superior. If, then, we concentrate our efforts and pursue the same course, there is no question or doubt of our ability to produce ships that will compete successfully and soon, very soon, as far excel the present iron steamers as did our clipper ships excel the sailers of Great Britain.

By those who have given this subject special attention, it is known that our ores, properly blanded for the specific purpose of shipbuilding, can yield an iron nearly double the tensile strength, and over 50 per cent. of resistive strength, greater than the iron of England and Scotland. Here then is the key to success. A vessel built of this iron need not be so heavy and yet be far stronger, and whatever is gained from the weight, is a gain in cost of material and in labor, and again in the earning capacity of the ship.

It is certain that if the proper facilities are concentrated at a desirable position that, with the present reduced price of labor and with our superior iron we can produce the ships as cheap as our adversaries. The only difficulty is the vast cost of such a building establishment. In Great Britain there are establishments of this character which have cost upwards of seven millions of dollars. Here our builders have not the means to erect such establishment. It is to this end, and this alone, we require legislation.

The Secretary of the Navy spoke of a proposal of this character having been made to his Department. He recommends it to Congress—says it will restore commerce and aid the navy. Let Congress, then, act upon such proposals, and they will have secured the sure foundation for our merchants, for it is certain that the mercantile classes are ready to be shipowners whenever ships are profitable, and they can only be so when obtained at a fair cost of construction to be run with economy.

Subsidies are not sought by merchants, but by adventurers. Look through any of the steamship subsidy bills run before Congress and you do not find a single name known as a first-class merchant.

Subsidies create monopolies. Every merchant knows that a monopoly is inimical to all who are not included in it, and frequently to those who are. If Congress would grant a large subsidy to any one route, is it likely that merchants would place competing vessels upon it? Passengers and freights would be then subjected to heavy rates, unless foreign ships should keep them down, and in this case we would be just as subject to foreign vessels as now.

The only true legislation is that which will give merchants cheaper and better ships. Let Congress, then, act upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Navy and the country will have good reason to be satisfied with the result.

UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS.

AN INCREASE OF OVER FIFTEEN THOUSAND IN SIX WEEKS.

We are able to announce to our friends and readers that since January 1, 1871, our circulation has increased the enormous number of over fifteen thousand, with prospects for a continuation in the same proportion.

We do not think we under-estimate our prospective success when we say we shall attain a circulation of more than one hundred thousand by July 1, 1871. We were not mistaken in our diagnosis of the general pulse of the country when we concluded that if the "key note" of equality and justice was struck the nation would respond to its harmonies. We have struck this "key note" and the country is responding, and will continue to respond, as we shall continue to strike, until the most unwarrantable tyranny that was ever exercised by a part of a people over a part of a people gives way before our untiring blows.

A lady of Massachusetts remonstrates against the "Women of this country have committed to them the sacred right and privilege of suffrage." We would inform this gifted lady that this is not the question at all. The question is, that women already have committed to them that "sacred right and privilege," and are debarred from its exercise against the provisions of the Constitution. This lady must ask Congress to withdraw this investiture of "sacred right and privilege" from so unworthy a class of citizens.

[From the Washington Daily Chronicle.]

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE RIGHTS.

REPLY OF MRS. WOODHULL TO THE MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Bingham, from the Committee on the Judiciary, has brought in a report adverse to the Memorial of Victoria C. Woodhull, which asked the enactment of a law by Congress to secure to citizens of the United States in the several States the "right to vote without regard to sex."

It cannot be said of Mr. Bingham's report that it evinces either remarkable clearness or remarkable correctness. In fact, it puts one in mind of nothing so much as a bull which has determined by sheer force to butt an object out of the way. After affirming that "all persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States," the report goes on to say that the adoption of the XIV. Amendment to the Constitution did not add to the privileges or immunities enjoyed by citizens from the foundation of this Government, but was simply an enforcement by Congress on the different States to compel proper observance on their part to such individual rights and immunities.

This is substantially Mr. Bingham's statement. He then, after treating us to the instructive opinion that a citizen is "neither more nor less than a member of the nation," cites authorities to prove that citizens cannot vote in any State who have not the qualifications required by the Constitution of that State—e. g., a citizen of Pennsylvania cannot go to Virginia and vote until by domicile he becomes, without formal adoption as a citizen of Virginia, a citizen of that State politically. Then it would appear, according to Mr. Bingham's *melange*, that a black man has always been a citizen of the United States—a "member of the nation"—and that he has not to-day the right to vote if a State constitution may be adopted debarring him from it. If this is not going back to the graves of dead issues to steal their skeletons to swear by, what is? But Mr. Bingham says: "It is undoubtedly the right of the people of the several States so to reform their constitutions and laws as to secure the equal exercise of the right of suffrage at all elections held therein under the Constitution of the United States to all citizens, without regard to sex; and as public opinion creates constitutions and governments in the several States, it is not to be doubted that whenever in any State the people are of opinion that such a reform is advisable it will be made."

This is perhaps as cool a dodging of an issue as ever was made in the halls of Congress. Does Mr. Bingham—a Republican, holding his seat by Republican votes, a judge advocate of the Union army during the war, a special judge advocate at the trial of the assassination conspirators in 1865, chairman of the managers of impeachment of Andrew Johnson in the Fortieth Congress—wish us to believe that he has already forgotten the stirring events of the past ten years, in which he has been an actor? Would Mr. Bingham rather have waited for the action of "public opinion?" "State constitutions" and "timid reform," before allowing contrabands to come into the lines of the Union army? Does he consider that all action heretofore in any way had by Congress on the question of suffrage or citizenship was a mistaken, unconstitutional infringement on the future, and that it is not the duty of the General Government to declare or maintain the rights of citizens, but to exhort them to have patience until the next generation in each separate State may progress so far in public opinion as to think "reform" advisable? Why did not Mr. Bingham preach this doctrine in the House of Representatives in all the Republican debates on reconstruction? and why did he not, during and since the war, lend the force of his example to his precept?

The Constitution of the United States declares that the citizens of each State shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities of citizens in the several States. One of the greatest privileges of a citizen is that of suffrage, and the deprivation of it is an entire disfranchisement of every civil right. "Liberty and freedom consist in having an actual share in the appointment of those who frame the laws."

A State constitution may, for its own administrative convenience, prescribe the manner and time and preparation for exercising suffrage; but when it totally and arbitrarily denies the right to a whole class of adult, respectable, tax-paying, property-holding citizens, we have failed to learn or totally forgotten the teachings of deeds and legislations in this country since 1859, if Mr. Bingham's theory is to be admitted; nor can we be surprised when even Democratic members of the House voluntarily give assurances that, if Mr. Bingham's report is the best argument that anti-suffragists can make, they will support Mrs. Woodhull. The Constitution guaranteed to each State a republican form of government. What the word "republican" means Senators have declared is, the equal rights of all citizens to participate in the government. Sworn on their oaths to support the Constitution of the United States, obliged by their oaths to interpret conscientiously the word "republican," provided with the remedy vested in the General Government in case it should be found that by a State Constitution any class of people were deprived of suffrage, we to-day see the result of their deliberations in the disfranchisement of a whole race, after the country had for years and years been treated to the same class of sophistries about slavery which Mr. Bingham puts forward about woman's rights. Men gravely argued themselves into passing the Fugitive Slave Bill, and those who should have known better declared, as a just, honest, abstract principle, that a large class of men, because they were ignorant and inferior, should always remain so, and while acquiring property and paying taxes be forever deprived of representation. Now, those who could believe such dogmas, and fear the terrible consequences predicted if they were controverted, stand in the days of the accomplishment of practical contrivance and bluntness at their past credulity. So will Mr. Bingham, in the days to come, feel shame over his report.

But Mr. Bingham winds up with this extraordinary reply to a prayer for the protection of the rights which are sacredly entitled to the safeguard of the General Government,

which have been placed in its keeping beyond the control of all other powers in this nation, which directly and indirectly have, in the ten years past, notably been protected by it where one particular class of citizens was concerned:

"If, however, as claimed in the Memorial referred to, the right to vote is vested by the Constitution in the citizens of the United States without regard to sex, that right can be established in the courts without further legislation."

Would this have been the answer of Mr. Bingham had the question been not of women but of negroes?

VICTORIA C. WOODHULL.

VOTERS AND NON-VOTERS AS TELEGRAPH OPERATORS.

Women as telegraph operators, according to the *Journal of the Telegraph*, have proved a great success. The work is simple, clean, and is peculiarly adapted to the female taste. The *Journal* brusquely says, that men left alone are inclined to be blackguards, and adds: "It is only necessary to go into a railroad smoking car, or into the gentlemen's cabin of a ferry boat, to see what a hog a man is. So even on a telegraph wire, where one would think the daintiness of the machinery and service, and the spaces which separate those engaged in its labors would prevent it, there creeps in an amount of vulgarity which seems inseparable from exclusively male service. Being of that persuasion ourselves, of course we accept the statement of our own weakness. The appointment of a single woman to a management of an office on a circuit at once changes this. There is an instinctive delicacy at once excited, and courtesy and forbearance and respect at once show themselves. Of course, the more refined the woman, the more marked the influence. Partly from this and partly from the intelligent recognition of her adaption to the telegraphic labor, women are being rapidly introduced into telegraph offices, where they are usually connected with either minor officers or of auxiliary wires. So much have they been needed, indeed, that every graduate of the telegraph school conducted at the Cooper Institute has found employment as soon as she graduated. It is in the nature of things that this demand should, to some extent, continue.

ANOTHER HEROINE.—The Buffalo (N. Y.) *Express*, of the 30th ult., relates the particulars of an exhibition of nerve, resolution and courage on the part of a Mrs. Paul, the landlady of a hotel at Holland Village, in that county, which has few parallels in recorded instances of feminine intrepidity. Her house was assailed on Christmas Eve by a mob of intoxicated Irish laborers, working on a railway in process of construction there. They entered the house and drove her husband and two sons, aged eighteen and twenty years, from the bar-room, after beating them fearfully. Mrs. Paul then appeared on the scene, and boldly went into their midst, drunken and armed with clubs as they were. She appealed to them to desist, but without effect. Escaping through a side door, she tried to secure help from her neighbors, but they were paralyzed with fear. Nothing daunted, she borrowed two revolvers, secured a supply of cartridges, loaded the weapons and placed them in the hands of her two sons. Meantime the rioters were in possession of the front rooms, smashing windows, breaking up furniture and appropriating property. Stationing her two sons at the two doors leading into the room where the mob were mostly congregated, she again called on them to leave the house. Instead, they made a rush for the boys, who, at the command of their courageous mother, emptied their revolvers into the infuriated crowd. The revolvers were quickly reloaded by the mother, and the fire kept up until the mob fled in a panic, leaving two of their number dead on the floor, while several were more or less crippled by wounds.

HEROISM OF A SCHOOL-MISTRESS.—The Independence (Iowa) *Bulletin* records the heroic conduct of a lady teacher of that place, Miss Maggie Cooper. The school building in which she was teaching is provided with ventilating flues, connected with the rooms by registers of cast iron, weighing about forty pounds each, and are let into the wall about thirteen feet from the floor. On Monday afternoon of last week, as two little boys were working at the black-board, directly under the register, in Miss Cooper's room the lady happened to cast her eye in the direction of the ceiling, and saw, to her consternation, the heavy iron register was on the very point of falling on the heads of the unconscious children. Taking in the situation at a glance, she saw that the little ones could not be removed in time to save their lives at any sacrifice, she rushed to the spot, and, extending her arms above the heads of the little boys, received the whole weight of the falling iron, and, by the utmost exercise of her strength, diverted it from the line of its descent to the floor, where it fell close by the side of the imperilled children. There is not the least doubt that, but for the heroic action of Miss Cooper, the lives of one or both of the boys would have been sacrificed. Miss Cooper received severe cut in the hand, and for a day or two her arm was benumbed by the concussion as to be entirely useless.

FACTS FOR THE LADIES.—I can inform any one interested of hundreds of Wheeler & Wilson Machines of twelve years' wear, that to-day are in better working condition than one entirely new. I have often driven one of them at a speed of eleven hundred stitches a minute. I have repaired a great many different kinds of Sewing Machines, and I have found them to wear better than any others. With ten years' experience in Sewing Machines of different kinds, you have asked the most and the severest test for durability and superiority. LYNDENVILLE, N. Y. (SIGNED) L. CLARK.

much for its solution upon a consideration of the Government under which citizenship is claimed. Citizenship in Turkey or Russia is essentially different in its rights and privileges from citizenship in the United States. In the former, citizenship means no more than the right to the protection of his absolute rights, and the "citizen" is a subject; nothing more. Here, in the language of Chief Justice Jay, there are no subjects. All native-born and naturalized are citizens of the highest class; here all citizens are sovereigns, each citizen bearing a portion of the supreme sovereignty, and therefore it must necessarily be that the right to a voice in the Government is the right and privilege of a citizen as such, and that which is undefined in the Constitution is undefined because it is self-evident.

Could a State disfranchise and deprive of the right to a vote all citizens who have red hair; or all citizens under six feet in height? All will consent that the States could not make such arbitrary distinctions the ground for denial of political privileges; that it would be a violation of the first article of the XIV. Amendment; that it would be abridging the privileges of citizens. And yet, the denial of the elective franchise to citizens on account of sex is equally as arbitrary as the distinction on account of stature, or color of hair, or any other physical distinction.

These privileges of the citizen exist independent of the Constitution. They are not derived from the Constitution or the laws, but are the means of asserting and protecting rights that existed before any civil governments were formed—the right of life, liberty and property. Says Paine, in his Dissertation upon the Principles of Government:

"The right of voting for representatives is the primary right, by which other rights are protected. To take away this right is to reduce man to a state of slavery, for slavery consists in being subject to the will of another; and he that has not a vote in the election of representatives is in this case. The proposal, therefore, to disfranchise any class of men is as criminal as the proposal to take away property."

In a state of nature, before governments were formed, each person possessed the natural right to defend his liberty, his life and his property from the aggressions of his fellow-men. When he enters into the free government he does not surrender that right, but agrees to exercise it, not by brute force, but by the ballot, by his individual voice in making the laws that dispose of, control and regulate those rights.

The right to a voice in the government is but the natural right of protection of one's life, liberty and property by personal strength and brute force, so modified as to be exercised in the form of a vote, through the machinery of a free government.

The right of self-protection, it will not be denied, exists in all equally in a state of nature, and the substitute for it exists equally in all the citizens after a free government is formed, for the free government is by all and for all.

The people "ordained and established" the Constitution. Such is the language of the preamble: "We, the people." Can it be said that the people acquire their privileges from the instrument that they themselves established? Does the creature extend rights, privileges and immunities to the creator? No; the people retain all the rights which they have not surrendered; and if the people have not given to the Government the power to deprive them of their elective franchise, they possess it by virtue of citizenship.

The true theory of this government, and of all free governments, was laid down by our fathers in the Declaration of Independence, and declared to be "self-evident." "All men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights governments are instituted among men, deriving all their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Here is the great truth, the vital truth, upon which our government is founded, and which demonstrates that the right of a voice in the conduct of the government and the selection of the rulers is a right and privilege of all citizens.

Another of these self-evident truths laid down in that instrument is:

"That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government, laying its foundations on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

How can the people carry out this right without the exercise of the ballot; and is not the ballot then a fundamental right and a privilege of the citizen not given to him by the Constitution, but inherent, as a necessity, from the very nature of government?

Benjamin Franklin wrote:

"That every man of the commonalty, except infants, insane persons and criminals, is, of common right, and by the laws of God, a freeman, and entitled to the free enjoyment of liberty. That liberty or freedom consists in having an actual share in the appointment of those who frame the laws, and who are to be the guardians of every man; life, property and peace; for the all of one man is as dear to him as the all of another, and the poor man has an equal right, but more need, to have representatives in the legislature than the rich one. That they who have no voice nor vote in the electing of representatives do not enjoy liberty, but are absolutely enslaved to those who have votes and to their representatives; for to be enslaved is to have governors whom other men have set over us, and be subject to laws made by the representatives of others, without having had representatives of our own to give consent in our behalf."—*Franklin's Works*, vol. 2, p. 372.

James Madison said:

"Under every view of the subject it seems indispensable that the mass of the citizens should not be without a voice in making the laws which they are to obey, and in choosing the magistrates who are to administer them."—*Madison Papers*, vol. 3, p. 14.

Taxation without representation is abhorrent to every principle of natural or civil liberty. It was this injustice that drove our fathers into revolution against the mother country.

"The very act of taxing exercised over those who are not represented appears to me to be depriving them of one of their most essential rights as freemen, and if continued, seems to be, in effect, an entire disfranchisement of every civil right. For what one civil right is worth a rush after a man's property is subject to be taken from him at pleasure without his consent? If a man is not his own assessor, in person or by deputy, his liberty is gone, or he is entirely at the mercy of others."—*Old Rights of the Colonies*, p. 58.

Nor are these principles original with the people of this country. Long before they were ever uttered on this continent they were declared by Englishmen. Said Lord Sumner, a truly great lawyer of England:

"Amongst all the rights and privileges appertaining unto us, that of having a share in the legislation, and being governed by such laws as we ourselves shall cause, is the most fundamental and essential, as well as the most advantageous and beneficial."

Said the learned and profound Hooker:

"By the natural law whereunto Almighty God hath made all subject, the lawful power of making laws to command all politic societies of men, belongeth so properly unto the same entire societies, that for any prince or potentate of what kind soever upon earth to exercise the same of himself (or themselves), and not either by express commission immediately received from God, or else by authority derived at the first from their consent upon whose persons they impose laws, it is no better than mere tyranny! Agreeably to the same just privileges of natural equity, is that maxim for the English constitution, that 'Law to bind all must be assented to by all,' and there can be no legal appearance of assent without some degree of representation."

The great champion of liberty, Granville Sharpe, declared that—

"All British subjects, whether in Great Britain, Ireland or the colonies, are equally free by the laws of nature; they certainly are equally entitled to the same natural rights that are essential for their own preservation, because this privilege of 'having a share in the legislation' is not merely a British right, peculiar to this island, but it is also a natural right, which cannot without the most flagrant and stimulating injustice be withdrawn from any part of the British empire by any worldly authority whatsoever."

"No tax can be levied without manifest robbery and injustice where this legal and constitutional representation is wanting, because the English law abhors the idea of taking the least property from freemen without their free consent."

"It is iniquitous (*iniquum est*, says the maxim) that freemen should not have the free disposal of their own effect, and whatever is iniquitous can never be made lawful by any authority on earth, not even by the united authority of kings, lords and commons, for that would be contrary to the eternal laws of God, which are supreme."

In an essay upon the "first principles of government," by Priestley, an English writer of great ability, written over a century since, is the following definition of political liberty:

"Political liberty, I would say, consists in power, which the members of the State reserve to themselves, of arriving at the public offices, or at least of having votes in the nomination of those who fill them."

"In countries where every member of the society enjoys an equal power of arriving at the supreme offices, and consequently of directing the strength and sentiments of the whole community, there is a state of the most perfect political liberty."

"On the other hand, in countries where a man is excluded from these offices, or from the power of voting for proper persons to fill them, that man, whatever be the form of the government, has no share in the government and therefore has no political liberty at all. And since every man retains and can never be deprived of his natural right of relieving himself from all oppression, that is, from everything that has been imposed upon him without his own consent, this must be the only true and proper foundation of all the governments subsisting in the world, and that to which the people who compose them have an inalienable right to bring them back."

It was from these great champions of liberty in England that our forefathers received their inspiration and the principles which they adopted, incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, and made the foundation and framework of our government. And yet it is claimed that we have a government which tramples upon these elementary principles of political liberty, in denying to one-half its adult citizens all political liberty, and subjecting them to the tyranny of taxation without representation. It cannot be.

When we desire to construe the Constitution, or to ascertain the powers of the Government and the rights of the citizens, it is legitimate and necessary to recur to these principles and make them the guide in such investigation.

It is an oft-repeated maxim set forth in the bills of rights of many of the State constitutions that "the frequent recurrence to fundamental principles is necessary for the preservation of liberty and good government."

Recurring to those principles, so plain, so natural, so like political axioms, it would seem that to say that one-half the citizens of this republican government, simply and only on account of their sex, can legally be denied the right to a voice in the government, the laws of which they are held to obey, and which takes from them their property by taxation, is so flagrantly in opposition to the principles of free government, and the theory of political liberty, that no man could seriously advocate it.

But it is said in opposition to the "citizen's right" of suffrage that at the time of the establishment of the Constitution, women were in all the States denied the right of voting, and that no one claimed at the time that the Constitution of the United States would change their status; that if such a change was intended, it would have been explicitly declared in the Constitution, or at least carried into practice by those who framed the Constitution, and, therefore, such a construction of it is against what must have been the intention of the framers.

This is a very unsafe rule of construction. As has been said, the Constitution necessarily deals in general principles; these principles are to be carried out to their legitimate conclusion and result by legislation, and we are to judge of the intention of those who established the Constitution by what they say, guided by what they declare on the face of the instrument to be their object.

It is said by Judge Story, in "Story on Constitution," "Contemporary construction is properly resorted to to illustrate and confirm the text." "It can never abrogate the text; it can never fritter away its obvious sense; it can never narrow down its true limitations."

It is a well-settled rule that in the construction of the Constitution, the objects for which it was established, being expressed in the instrument, should have great influence; and when words and phrases are used which are capable of different constructions, that construction should be given which is the most consonant with the declared objects of the instrument.

We go to the preamble to ascertain the objects and purpose of the instrument. Webster defines preamble thus: "The introductory part of a statute, which states the reason and intent of the law."

In the preamble, then, more certainly than in any other way, aside from the language of the instrument, we find the intent.

Judge Story says:

"The importance of examining the preamble for the pur-

pose of expounding the language of a statute has been long felt and universally conceded in all juridical discussion. It is an admitted maxim * * that the preamble is a key to open the mind to the matters as to the mischiefs to be remedied and the objects to be accomplished by the statute."

It is properly resorted to where doubts or ambiguities arise upon the words of the enacting part, for if they are clear and unambiguous, there seems little room for interpretation, except in cases leading to an obvious absurdity or to a direct overthrow of the intention expressed in the preamble." (Story on the Constitution, sec. 457.)

Try this question by a consideration of the objects for which the Constitution was established, as set forth in the preamble, "to establish justice." Does it establish justice to deprive of all representation or voice in the government one half of its adult citizens and compel them to pay taxes to and support a government in which they have no representation? Is "taxation without representation" justice established?

"To insure domestic tranquility." Does it insure domestic tranquility to give all the political power to one class of citizens, and deprive another class of any participation in the government? No. The sure means of tranquility is to give "equal political rights to all," that all may stand "equal before the law."

"To provide for the common defence." We have seen that the only defence the citizen has against oppression and wrong is by his voice and vote in the selection of the rulers and law-makers. Does it, then, "provide for the common defence," to deny to one-half the adult citizens of the Republic that voice and vote?

"To secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity." As has been already said, there can be no political liberty to any citizen deprived of a voice in the government. This is self-evident; it needs no demonstration. Does it, then, "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity," to deprive one-half the citizens of adult age of this right and privilege?

Tried by the expressed objects for which the Constitution was established, as declared by the people themselves, this denial to the women citizens of the country of the right and privilege of voting, is directly in contravention of these objects, and must, therefore, be contrary to the spirit and letter of the entire instrument.

And according to rule of construction referred to, no "contemporaneous construction, however universal it may be, can be allowed to set aside the expressed objects of the makers, as declared in the instrument." The construction which we claim for the first section of the fourteenth amendment is in perfect accord with those expressed objects; and even if there were anything in the original text of the Constitution at variance with the true construction of that section, the amendment must control. Yet we believe that there is nothing in the original text at variance with what we claim to be the true construction of the amendment.

It is claimed by the majority of the Committee that the adoption of the fifteenth amendment was by necessary implication a declaration that the States had the power to deny the right of suffrage to citizens for any other reasons than those of race, color or previous condition of servitude. We deny that the fundamental rights of the American citizen can be taken away by "implication."

There is no such law for the construction of the Constitution of our country. The law is the reverse—that the fundamental rights of citizens are not to be taken away by implication, and a Constitutional provision for the protection of one class can certainly not be used to destroy or impair the same rights in another class.

It is too violent a construction of an amendment, which prohibits States from, or the United States from, abridging the right of a citizen to vote, by reason of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, to say that by implication it conceded to the States the power to deny that right for any other reason. On that theory the States could confine the right of suffrage to a small minority, and make the State government aristocratic, overthrowing their republican form.

The fifteenth article of amendment to the Constitution clearly recognizes the right to vote as one of the rights of a citizen of the United States. This is the language:

"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Here is stated, first, the existence of a right. Second, its nature. Whose right is it? The right of citizens of the United States. What is the right? The right to vote. And this right of citizens of the United States, States are forbidden to abridge. Can there be a more direct recognition of a right? Can that be abridged which does not exist? The denial of the power to abridge the right, recognizes the existence of the right. Is it said that this right exists by virtue of State citizenship, and State laws, and constitutions? Mark the language: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote;" not, citizens of States. The right is recognized as existing independent of State citizenship.

But it may be said, if the States had no power to abridge the right of suffrage, why the necessity of prohibiting them?

There may not have been a necessity; it may have been done through caution, and because the peculiar condition of the colored citizens at that time rendered it necessary to place their rights beyond doubt or cavil.

It is laid down as a rule of construction by Judge Story that the natural import of a single clause is not to be narrowed so as to exclude implied powers resulting from its character simply because there is another clause which enumerates certain powers which might otherwise be deemed implied powers within its scope, for in such cases we are not to assume that the affirmative specification excludes all other implications. (2d Story on Constitution, sec. 449.)

There are numerous instances in the Constitution where a general power is given to Congress, and afterward a particular power given, which was included in the former; yet the general power is not to be narrowed because the particular power is given. On this same principle, the fact that by the fifteenth amendment the States are specifically forbidden to deny the right of suffrage on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, does not narrow the general provision in the fourteenth amendment which guarantees the privileges of all the citizens against abridgment by the States on any account.

The rule of interpretation relied upon by the committee in their construction of the fifteenth amendment is, "that the expression of one thing is the exclusion of another," or the specification of particulars is the exclusion of generals.

Of these maxims, Judge Story says:

"They are susceptible of being applied, and often are ingeniously applied, to the subversion of the text and the ob-

jects of the instrument. The truth is, in order to ascertain how far an affirmative or negative provision excludes or implies others, we must look to the nature of the provision, the subject-matter, the objects and the scope of the instrument; and these only can properly determine the rule of construction." (2 Stat., 47.)

It is claimed by the majority that the second section of the XIV. Amendment implies that the several States may restrict the right of suffrage as to other than male citizens. We may say of this as we have said of the theory of the committee upon the effect of the XV. Amendment. It is a proposal to take away from the citizens guarantees of fundamental rights, by modification, which have been previously given in absolute terms.

The first section includes all citizens in its guarantee, and includes all the "privileges and immunities" of citizenship, and guards them against abridgment, and under no recognized or reasonable rule of construction can it be claimed that by implication from the provisions of the second section the States may or only abridge but entirely destroy one of the highest privileges of the citizen to one-half of the citizens of the country. What we have said in relation to the committee's construction of the effect of the XV. Amendment, applies equally to this.

The object of the first section of this amendment was to secure all the rights, privileges and immunities of all the citizens against invasion by the States. The object of the second section was to fix a rule or system of apportionment for Representatives and taxation; and the provision referred to, in relation to the exclusion of males from the right of suffrage, might be regarded as in the nature of a penalty in case of denial of that right to that class. While it, to a certain extent, protected that class of citizens, it left the others where the previous provisions of the Constitution placed them. To protect the colored man more fully than was done by that penalty was the object of the fifteenth amendment.

In no event can it be said to be more than the recognition of an existing fact, that only the male citizens were by the State laws allowed to vote, and that existing order of things was recognized in the rule of representation, just as the institution of slavery was recognized in the original Constitution, in the article fixing the basis of representation, by the provisions that only three-fifths of all the slaves ("other persons") should be counted. Their slavery was recognized as an existing fact, and yet the Constitution never sanctioned slavery, but, on the contrary, had it been carried out according to its true construction, slavery could not have existed under it; so that the recognition of facts in the Constitution must not be held to be a sanction of what is so recognized.

The majority of the committee say that this section implies that the States may deny suffrage to others than male citizens. It implies anything it implies that the States may deny the franchise to all the citizens. It does not prove that they shall not deny the right to male citizens, but only provides that if they do so deny, they shall not have representation for them.

So, according to that argument, by the second section of the XIV. Amendment, the power of the States is conceded to entirely take away the right of suffrage, even from that privileged class, the male citizens. And thus this rule of "implication" goes too far, and fits away all the guarantees of the Constitution of the right of suffrage, the highest of the privileges of the citizen; and herein is demonstrated the reason and safety of the rule that fundamental rights are not to be taken away by implication, but only by express provision.

When the advocates of a privileged class of citizens under the Constitution are driven to implication to sustain the theory of taxation without representation, and American citizenship without political liberty, the cause must be weak indeed.

It is claimed by the majority that by section 2, article 1, the Constitution recognizes the power in States to declare who shall and who shall not exercise the elective franchise. That section reads as follows:

"The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several States, and the electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislature."

The first clause of this section declares who shall choose the representatives—mark the language—"Representatives shall be chosen by the people of the States," not by the male people, not by certain classes of the people, but by the people: so that the construction sought to be given this section, by which it would recognize the power of the State to disfranchise one-half the citizens, as in direct contravention of the first clause of the section, and of its whole spirit, as well as of the objects of the instrument. The States clearly have no power to nullify the express provisions that the election shall be by the people, by any laws limiting the election to a moiety of the people.

It is true the section recognizes the power in the State to regulate the qualification of the electors; but, as we have already said, the power to regulate is a very different thing from the power to destroy.

The two clauses must be taken together, and both considered in connection with the declared purpose and objects of the Constitution.

The Constitution is necessarily confined to the statement of general principles. There are regulations necessary to be made as to the qualifications of voters, as to their proper age, their domicile, the length of residence necessary to entitle the citizen to vote in a given State or place. These particulars could not be provided in the Constitution, but are necessarily left to the States, and this section is thus construed as to be in harmony with itself, and with the expressed objects of the framers of the Constitution and the principles of free government.

When the majority of the committee can demonstrate that "the people of the States" and one-half the people of the States are equivalent terms—or that when the Constitution provides that the representatives shall be elected by the people, its requirements are met by an election in which less than one-half the adult people are allowed to vote, then it will be admitted that this section, to some extent, sustains them.

The Committee say, that if it had been intended that Congress should prescribe the qualifications of electors, the grant would have given Congress that power specifically. We do not claim that Congress has that power; on the contrary, admit that the States have it; but the section of the Constitution does prescribe who the electors shall be. That is what we claim—nothing more. They shall be "the people;" their qualifications may be regulated by the States; but to the claim of the majority of the Committee that they may be "qualified" out of existence, we cannot assent.

We are told that the acquiescence by the people, since the adoption of the Constitution, in the denial of political

rights to women citizens, and the general understanding that such denial was in conformity with the Constitution, should be taken to settle the construction of that instrument.

Any force this argument may have it can only apply to the original text, and not to the fourteenth amendment, which is of but recent date.

But, as a general principle, this theory is fallacious. It would stop all political progress; it would put an end to all original thought, and put the people under that tyranny with which the friends of liberty have always had to contend—the tyranny of precedent.

From the beginning, our Government has been right in theory, but wrong in practice. The Constitution, had it been carried out in its true spirit, and its principles enforced, would have stricken the chains from every slave in the republic long since. Yet, for all this, it was but a few years since declared by the highest judicial tribunal of the republic, that, according to the "general understanding," the black man in this country had no rights the white man was bound to respect. General understanding and acquiescence is a very unsafe rule by which to try questions of Constitutional law, and precedents are not infallible guides toward liberty and the rights of man.

Without any law to authorize it, slavery existed in England, and was sustained and perpetuated by popular opinion, universal custom and the acquiescence of all departments of the Government as well as by the subjects of its oppression. A few fearless champions of liberty struggled against the universal sentiment, and contended that, by the laws of England, slavery could not exist in the kingdom; and, though for years unable to obtain a hearing in any British court, the Somerset case was finally tried in the Court of the King's Bench in 1771, Lord Mansfield presiding, wherein that great and good man, after a long and patient hearing, declared that no law of England allowed or approved of slavery, and discharged the negro. And it was then judicially declared that no slave could breathe upon the soil of England, although slavery had up to that time existed for centuries, under the then existing laws. The laws were right, but the practice and public opinion were wrong.

It is said by the majority of the Committee that "if the right of female citizens to suffrage is vested by the Constitution, that right can be established in the courts."

We respectfully submit that, with regard to the competency and qualifications of electors for members of this House, the courts have no jurisdiction.

This House is the sole judge of the election return and qualification of its own members, (article 1, section 5, of the Constitution); and it is for the House alone to decide upon a contest, who are, and who are not, competent and qualified to vote. The judicial department cannot thus invade the prerogatives of the political department.

And it is therefore perfectly proper, in our opinion, for the House to pass a declaratory resolution, which would be an index to the action of the House, should the question be brought before it by a contest for a seat.

We, therefore, recommend to the House the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, That the right of suffrage is one of the inalienable rights of citizens of the United States, subject to regulation by the States, through equal and just laws.

That this right is included in the "privileges of citizens of the United States," which are guaranteed by section 1 of article 14 of Amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and that women citizens, who are otherwise qualified by the laws of the State where they reside, are competent voters for Representatives in Congress.

WM. LOUGHBIDGE,
BENJ. F. BUTLER.

MRS. ELLEN S. TUPPER, THE BEE-KEEPER.—A recent number of the Des Moines (Iowa) Register contains an interesting sketch of the life of Mrs. Ellen S. Tupper, who knows more about bees than any other living American. She was born in Providence, R. I., in 1832, and her name at the time was Smith. When about fifteen years old she removed to Maine, married Allen Tupper in December, 1853, and removed to his home in Boston. Seventeen years ago they removed to Brighton, Washington County, Iowa, where they have since resided. Her early education was such as the common schools of that day could afford—limited, but thorough. She commenced to write at the age of sixteen. A Methodist magazine, "The Mother's Assistant and Young Lady's Friend," offered a prize of \$100 for the best story suitable for that publication. There were a hundred competitors, but she won the prize. That was the only money she ever received for writing, until about eleven years ago. She then wanted the Burlington Hawkeye, but had not the funds to spare to pay for it. Arrangements were made whereby Mrs. Tupper wrote for the Hawkeye, receiving in return the paper and \$10 per year additional. A premium being offered for an article on Bee Culture, a subject with which she had thoroughly acquainted herself, she wrote several, one of which was adopted as a standard article by the Department of Agriculture and printed in the Agricultural Report for 1865. For this the Government gave her \$300 and many official compliments. Seven or eight years ago she began to write for the Iowa Homestead, and since then her name has become familiar in Iowa as "Household Words." She has also written for the Chicago Prairie Farmer, St. Louis Rural World, New York Health and Home, and Bee-keeper's Journal, and other leading publications. Her farm is literally flowing with milk and honey—her husband attending to the cows and she to the bees—having over a hundred hives, many of them Italian bees. Personally Mrs. Tupper is not handsome, as connoisseurs of the dandy class judge of beauty; but she has the dignity and carriage of a cultured lady. As a conversationalist she never lacks for words on any subject, whether bees or biscuit, art or literature.

Mrs. Celia Logan Kellogg, a member of the Logan family, is preparing to come out as a lecturer. She read a lecture for "English Hearts and Homes" before a select party of friends in Washington lately.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGISTS AROUSED.

MRS. WOODHULL'S GREAT SUCCESS AS A SCOLD.

Since Judge Bingham made his adverse report to the House on the petition of Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull the woman suffrage people have gone after him in a style which must eventually bring him to terms. The "gathered wisdom of a thousand years" will not avail him to meet the keen arguments of the women. Mrs. Woodhull has prepared the following trenchant and spicy reply to Bingham:

Mr. Bingham's adverse report to the petition of Victoria C. Woodhull is so inconsistent with itself and with the facts of the question at issue that it almost bears its own refutation with it. If the report is to be considered as the best stumbling-block which Mr. Bingham can manufacture to put in the way of progress the friends of women's rights have little to fear from him. The report of the majority of the committee, headed by Mr. Bingham, may delay final action, but cannot prevent it ultimately in the interests of justice and right; and the minority report in favor of Mrs. Woodhull, presented by General Butler, is a far more able and logical statement than Bingham's, which claims that all persons born or naturalized in the United States are citizens thereof; that the amendments to the Constitution did not add to the privileges enjoyed by citizens from the very foundation of the Government, but simply enforced on the States by act of Congress due observance on their part of such privileges. In other words, a free negro has had a right to vote since the birth of the nation, and the States unwilling to admit the right have been forced to admit by Congress, and then, after going so far in accordance with the records and tradition of the party Mr. Bingham belongs to, deliberately stultifies itself by asserting

"It is undoubtedly the right of the people of the several States to reform their constitutions and laws as to secure the equal exercise of the right of suffrage at all elections held therein under the Constitution of the United States to all citizens, without regard to sex; and, as public opinion creates constitutions and governments in the several States, it is not to be doubted that whenever in any State the people are of opinion that such a reform is advisable, it will be made."

So the legal champion of the Black Republican party in the House; the man who holds his seat there by Republican votes, whose record during the past ten years has been that of a prominent actor in the scenes which have overthrown slavery, enfranchised the negro and reconstructed the South, is recanting to the pledges and instructions implied in his election, turns his back to the great principles of his party, and seeing in the subject before him only women, not negroes, makes a square somersault out of the most intrenched position his party ever occupied over to the heresies which the Republicans have ever proclaimed State rights to be when standing in the way of Congress. Did Mr. Bingham ask General Butler, at Fortress Monroe, his definition of State rights when contrabands were admitted into the Union lines? Did Mr. Bingham advise Congress to wait on State constitutions, public opinion, tardy reform, when the reconstruction measures were being advocated, and the party he belongs to were giving the ballot as a matter of right to ignorant, illiterate plantation negroes? But Mr. Bingham goes further than all this; further, indeed, than his best friends or worst enemies could have expected. After arguing himself into this impractical, inconsistent, unsubstantial position—after arbitrarily denying the right of suffrage to a whole class of tax-paying, respectable property-owning citizens, the utter absurdity of his whole argument, taken in connection with his own history and the frequent acts of Congress solemnly affirming that in case, by a State constitution, a class of citizens are deprived of their inherent right of suffrage, the remedy is invested in the general government, beyond the control of any power in this nation, and that it has sacredly in its keeping and safeguard these rights, seems to have suddenly occurred to him, he winds up with these remarkable words:

"It, however, as claimed in the memorial referred to, the right to vote is vested by the Constitution in the citizens of the United States without regard to sex, that right can be established in the courts without further legislation."

Was it thus Mr. Bingham spoke in all the reconstruction debates in the House? Was it thus he argued against the enfranchisement of the negro? If Mr. Bingham made his promissory note and at its maturity assured its holder that he could pay it, that he ought to pay it, but he would stand a lawsuit before he did, what would people think of Mr. Bingham? And yet just in that position has he striven to place, and, so far as his report extends, has placed, the majesty of the general government of the United States. The solemn silence of the dead in our national cemeteries—a silence more eloquent than any language ever listened to in Congressional halls; the living, earnest fact of a whole enfranchised race, clothed with the attribute of citizenship; the unveiled triumph of the principle and progress standing before Mr. Bingham's eyes, all are alike powerless to influence him to right the moment he finds no negro. The time will come when the bitterest reflection Mr. Bingham will ever have will be the memory of this report; but the report itself will aid the triumph of the cause, for its manifest incongruities will range all thinking men against it.

VICTORIA C. WOODHULL.

The Herald also remarks, editorially: "Mrs. Woodhull has already 'gone for' Bingham, in a reply, which we publish elsewhere, to his woman suffrage report, and which certainly ought to crush that gentleman, if long sentences and massive adjectives can do it. We don't think that the eloquent oration, however, will affect him at all. If it were a fearful appeal or a heartrending wail from the crushed sex we might have some hope; but the truth is, Bingham is too thick-skinned to be influenced by long words, or cumbersome sentences, or imposing adjectives. Mrs. Woodhull must first try the effect of tears. The fruitful river of the eye is her strongest hand in this game, and we would advise her, when she appears on the floor of the House next Monday to advocate her cause, as we hope she will be allowed to do, that she appear like Niobe, and if the hard-hearted monsters are still obstinate, then let her 'bring on her bears.'"

Mary Drew, a distinguished member of the Society of Friends, in other words, a Quakeress, delivered a lecture in Horticultural Hall, Boston, on the 15th ult.

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the right to vote to citizens resident therein "on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

I will undertake to prove that I possess all the qualifications required of a citizen of the State of New York to become a legal voter. Let us see what this Constitution says. The preamble to it is as follows:

"We, the people of the State of New York, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom, in order to secure its blessing, do establish this Constitution."

Article I, section 1, is as follows:

"No member of this State shall be disfranchised or deprived of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof, unless by the law of the land or the judgment of his peers."

From this it appears that "We, the People" declare that no member of this State shall be disfranchised unless by the law of the land.

Women, whom the Constitution of the United States declares are citizens, whose privileges and immunities no State shall abridge, are a part of "We, the People," whom the State Constitution says shall not be disfranchised unless by law.

How will Mr. Bingham get over this little difficulty about disfranchisement which is introduced into the Constitution of the State of New York? Disfranchisement is to deprive members of the State of their right to vote. Are not the women citizens of the State of New York disfranchised? Shall the State of New York be justified by Congress in thus violating the "supreme law of the land" in this manner? The State Constitution does not even pretend that sex is a qualification; it calls it disfranchisement, and the inference and just construction of the preamble and introductory sentence should permeate the entire instrument.

Article II, section 1, provides, That every male citizen twenty-one years of age, having been an inhabitant of the State one year, a resident of the county four months, and of the district thirty days, and a citizen ten days, shall be entitled to vote.

Now, we would ask the Legislature of the State of New York, and the Congress of the United States, if this is a law of disfranchisement? It merely says that males having done certain things may vote. It does not say that females shall not vote; and yet the same Constitution provides that no member of the State shall be disfranchised unless by the law of the land.

If this is not entirely clear from this construction of the section, a consideration of section 2 will make it so. This section provides who of "We, the people," and "members of the State may be excluded from suffrage," in the following language:

"Laws may be passed excluding from the right of suffrage all persons who have been or may be convicted of bribery, larceny, or of any infamous crime."

Article I, section 1, provides, That no member of the State shall be disfranchised unless by the law of the land; and article II, section 2, provides who may be disfranchised, and I fail to see that it disfranchises the whole female sex, unless, indeed, it is an "infamous crime" to be a woman.

Therefore I am entitled, by a proper construction of the constitution of the State of New York, to vote. I am a citizen of the United States and of this State—have resided in the State a year, in the county four months, in the district thirty days, and have not been "convicted of bribery, larceny, or of any infamous crime." Is there anything more necessary to prove my claim? If the State Constitution has neglected to require qualifications of female "members of the State," it is its fault, not that of the women citizens of the State.

In view of all these considerations, I submit the question whether there is any authority whatever by which the State of New York prevents me from voting? The several State Constitutions are similar to that of New York, and I gravely doubt whether any of them legally prevent women from voting. I trust the residents of the several States who deprecate the continuation of unwarrantably assumed superiority and power, will give them a careful analysis, and take steps to compel a just construction and enforcement of rights.

The attempt made by this report to class women above the age of twenty-one years with "minority" and "non-residence," and to infer that they may be denied the right to vote, (the same as minors, non-residents, criminals and other disqualifications, is beneath the dignity of so high a tribunal as the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives of the United States. Minority applies equally to both sexes and to all citizens; so, too, does residence. I have shown that sex is not a qualification in any State Constitution. Then wherefore this disfranchisement? But of what consequence are State Constitutions when set in opposition to the "supreme law of the land," by the provisions of which all "judges in every State" are bound, "anything in the Constitution and laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding?"

If a male citizen of the United States, possessing certain qualifications, is thereby entitled to vote in the State wherein he resides, how can a female citizen, possessing the same qualification, be prevented from voting, when this "supreme law of the land" declares that "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States." If it had been intended to permit the States to abridge the privileges and immunities of female citizens, this Amendment should have been, "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges and immunities of male citizens of the United States." It does not, however, say male citizens:

and therefore no State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges and immunities of either male or female citizens of the United States. This is the only interpretation this Amendment is susceptible of. The States themselves have granted this power to command, to the United States, and it is a part of the supreme law of the land.

If there were anything wanting in the Constitution up to and including the XIV. Amendment, to guarantee perfect political and civil equality to all citizens, it was provided by the XV. Amendment, to wit:—"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." And that: "The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation." Every body knows that it is under this amendment that the negroes were permitted to vote. Had there been a dozen different disfranchised races, they would all have been protected by it in the same right, which fact is sufficient to demonstrate that it does not include negroes only. Did this only include them, and had it been intended only to include male negroes, it should have recited that "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied to males of the African race." The meaning of this would have been clear; but as it does not read thus it must be interpreted by what it does actually declare.

As I consider this Amendment the crowning interpretation of, and that which gives vitality to, the heretofore unused, inherent Constitutional rights of citizens, I defer the complete analysis of it until another time, simply adding here, that under it THE RIGHT TO VOTE CANNOT BE DENIED ON ACCOUNT OF ANY RACE, ANY COLOR, ANY PREVIOUS CONDITION OF SERVITUDE, TO ANY BODY.

VICTORIA C. WOODHULL.

THE INFAMOUS LOBBY PLUNDERER'S ATTEMPT ON CONGRESS.

In our last issue we gave one only of the two most infamous jobs to fasten subsidies upon Congress. We now give the other. Space does not permit of giving the bill entire, or we should do so, that the names of the parties might be published to the world, to show who are bold enough to attempt such a fraud upon the people, and ignorant enough to entertain an idea that they could "lobby," "buy" or "sneak" such a smuggling bill through Congress, even had they not loaded it down with a subsidy of \$2,100,000 per annum, or in the aggregate of the term over \$80,000,000, to be taken from an already over-taxed people. There is not in the entire corporation a single merchant of repute; but there are ex-members of Congress, ex-agents of the revenue, ex-officers of the custom-house, and an official dismissed recently for cause by the President. Added to these are patriotic parties who grieve so deeply over the loss of our commerce that they are willing to become so far victimized as to be the recipients of some \$80,000,000 of the people's money for entering upon a business they do not comprehend sufficiently to arrange a plan honest enough to carry out. Fortunately Congress knows them better than they know themselves.

EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS OF SENATE BILL No. 1,112.

THE "AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY."

A Bill Establish Ocean Steamship Lines for the Transportation of the Mails between the United States and Europe, and for other purposes.

"SEC. 1. Charters or creates a monopoly for fifty years of all the ocean steamship business from Portland, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, ports of the Chesapeake Bay, and on the southern Atlantic coast of the United States, to the ports of Liverpool, Southampton, Havre, Antwerp, Hamburg, Bremen, Cadiz, and other ports on the Atlantic coast of Europe, and Marseilles, Genoa, and other ports of the Mediterranean, and on the waters connected therewith; besides, upon all the oceans, seas, and upon the waters, bays and rivers of the United States, for the transportation of passengers, freight and mails." If the corporators named in the bill had the power either of capital or intelligence to carry out its provisions, it would be fatal to the interest of the Atlantic seaboard, would exclude all the citizens of its ports, unless they could creep in as dependents upon this company, from participating in commerce; but possibly in seeking for such vast powers, these corporators forgot that these ports and harbors are the property of a republic, not of a monarchy; and that the representatives of the people will not attempt to burden them by an oppression which would not be submitted to.

"SECS. 2, 3, 4, 5 provide for the organization, but in such an artful manner as to leave the control of the company completely and perpetually in the hands of the corporators and those whom they may designate as their successors.

"SEC. 6, as amended, enables the parties to demand and secure the entire trans-Atlantic postal service. It would, if passed, place the foreign mails under their control, making the Post-office Department a dependent upon this company, for under its monopolizing influence all other steamers, except those under foreign flags, would be banished from our waters. So far from aiding in the restoration of our commerce, it would be destructive of it. So far from aiding ship-

THE EUROPEAN SITUATION AND ITS CAUSES.

It is a remarkable fact that the most praiseworthy act in the political career of Napoleon III. should be the one to which his downfall, as also the humiliation and impending dismemberment of France, should be directly and distinctly attributable; but an examination into the politics of European nations during the last thirteen years will clearly demonstrate such to be the case. By the Treaty of 1815 the nations of Europe were placed in an equilibrium of power, mainly by placing the greater portion of Italy under the domination of Austria. It seems certainly, to say the least, paradoxical to have endeavored to secure a permanent peace upon the basis of the subjugation of a people to the domination of an alien race, nation and government, which it would appear in the highest degree problematical that they would endeavor to overthrow upon the first presentable opportunity, and which the moral force generated by advancing civilization was sure to condemn; but it is nevertheless an incontrovertible fact that this act of injustice gave to Europe a peace of forty years duration, wherein none of the first-class contracting powers to the treaty were able to acquire any territorial aggrandizement. Whereas, since the setting aside of that clause of the Treaty four important wars have ensued in thirteen years, three of which have already resulted in a modification of the map of Europe, and the fourth of which is in a fair way to do so.

The Franco-Austrian war created the Kingdom of Italy, under the King of Sardinia, and gave to France Savoy and Nice.

The war of Prussia and Austria with Denmark lost to the latter Schleswig and Holstein.

The Prusso-Austrian war gave to Prussia Schleswig, Holstein and the North German States.

When Napoleon the Third destroyed the equilibrium of Europe by forming the Kingdom of Italy, he not only weakened Austria but he gave to her a new enemy, inasmuch as he left her still in possession of Venetia, which, in case of war, she was certain to have to defend against the attacks of Italy, who was sure to endeavor to gain possession of it should Austria become involved in hostilities with a powerful antagonist. And when such a position of affairs was constituted by the Austro-Prussian war of 1866, Austria found herself confronted by Italy as an ally of Prussia—the natural result of which was an easy victory of the allies, the loss of Venetia by Austria, her almost total expulsion as a German Power and the absorption by Prussia of the North German States.

Napoleon undoubtedly calculated that by the erection of the Kingdom of Italy he would secure a powerful ally; but here he was met by a new difficulty, to wit, the clamors of the Italians for Rome as the capital of their new Kingdom, which a majority of the French people and the Roman Catholic clergy vehemently opposed as an unjustifiable spoliation of the Pope's temporal power. This opposition Napoleon found it impossible to resist, and he was compelled to assume the position of the protector of Rome, and hence placed himself as a barrier to the aspirations of the Italians which lost to him the gratitude of Italy for past favors, deprived him of an ally, and gave to him a discontented neighbor. There can be but little doubt that the signatory nations to the Treaty of 1815 would have objected to Napoleon freeing Italy; but such a proceeding was too much in harmony with the enlightenment of the age and the sympathies of European populations to admit of any active interference to the project. So strong was this sympathy in England that Lord Palmerston, on 3d January, 1857, found it necessary, in reply to a question asked by Mr. B. Disraeli in the House of Commons, to deny *in toto* the existence of any negotiations in reference to a secret treaty alleged to guarantee to Austria her Italian possessions, to which negotiations Lord Palmerston was stated to be a party. While in 1862 this secret treaty was actually brought into the House of Commons in order to prove its existence, which Lord Palmerston still denied. Upon its production he apologized by stating that he had been mistaken; it was, however, stated, during the debate, that he been transacting business upon that very treaty within three days of his denial that it had any foundation in fact, except in the fertile imagination of Mr. Disraeli.

That Lord Palmerston was perfectly cognizant of the negotiations concerning the treaty and its stipulations must, in the light of these facts, be admitted; and his denial was simply intended to avoid the public disapprobation that a confession to Disraeli's charge would inevitably have evoked.

Prussia looked complacently on while her German rival was weakened by France, and, upon the close of the Danish war, felt herself strong enough to complete her ascendancy in Germany by, in conjunction with Italy, crushing Austria.

At the commencement of this war Napoleon supposed he was about to witness the spectacle of the two German powers destroying each other's military power, and thus creating a relative superiority for France; and when the weakness of Austria was demonstrated and the preponderating power of Prussia illustrated by her destruction of Austria in six weeks, Napoleon found himself in this dilemma—Prussia had shown her army to be the best armed in Europe by reason of being the first to adopt the breech-loading rifle, and France found herself totally unprepared to contest for the supremacy with the old muzzle-loading rifle.

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Hence Prussia found but little, even passive, resistance to her absorption of the North German States, thus making herself a most formidable rival to France, and master of the situation in Germany. Thus it is apparent that the secret of Prussia's success was in Austria's weakness and the co-operation of Italy, both of which circumstances were the result of Napoleon's own act in creating the Kingdom of Italy, which was at once the most praiseworthy act of his political life, and to France and himself the most disastrous.

Turning now to the consideration of the present Franco-Prussian war, we must seek elsewhere than to either allies or breech-loading fire-arms for the sequel to the unexpected and signal triumph of Prussia: and we shall find this sequel to lie in the superiority, in a military point of view, of Prussia's military system, by means of which she was enabled to augment her army and place it in the field so much more rapidly than France could hers, that the latter, although equal in resources, was always outnumbered and crushed before she had time to collect her forces. The division of the French army, by forcing one portion of it into the fortress of Nancy and another into Metz, getting into their rears, and cutting off their communications, have never been recovered by France.

By means of her military system Prussia had succeeded in engraving upon her entire male population a military subserviency that no other European population would for one moment submit to, and that is certainly but an indifferent prognostication of the enlightenment or liberty of a people. The attempt to impose upon England, France or the United States any such a military despotism would be but the signal for civil war. And it must be conceded that any accession of territory or military prestige obtained at the cost of the liberties of a people are to be deplored as neither desirable, just or creditable, and as a blot upon our boasted enlightened age. France will be a more truly great nation even after the loss of Alsace and Lorraine, and payment of the war debt, than even Prussia will be so long as the military yoke is round the necks of her evidently docile population. It is an easy matter to accept a fetter, as the Prussians have done in an hour of military intoxication, but it is not so easy to cast it off.

It is a novel sensation to a Prussian to be playing in the role of victor in an enemy's country, and one need not express surprise if he figures somewhat arrogantly in a position so new to him. The military experience gained may also be of service to him in case he might conceive the idea that his government has no absolute right to dispose of three of the best years of his life by compelling him to serve them in the army; and, furthermore, that his government was not exactly justified in keeping his military dress and accoutrements hanging up all ready to put him into and pack him off whenever and whithersoever it chooses.

Let us now review the position of England. She has, it is said, voluntarily resigned her position as "Policeman of Europe." That she has so resigned is unquestionable, but that the resignation was either voluntarily or cheerfully made is very disputable. One of her banes has been a continual distrust and suspicion of France. Lord Palmerston was dismissed from his position as foreign secretary in 1852 because he approved of the *coup d'etat* in France, although it was ratified by a vote of 7,681,489 of the French people against 253,148, and this at a time when there were less than 1,200,000 voters in Great Britain, or scarcely one-fourth of Napoleon's majority. Count Walewski, the French ambassador at the Court of St. James, was present in the funeral procession of the Duke of Wellington in 1852, which contrasts strangely with Mr. Drummond's speech in the English House of Commons on 7th June, 1865, when he said, "The result of the Russian war would be to leave the French in possession of Constantinople." When in April 17, 1855, Napoleon visited the Queen in London, he met with a cool reception at the hands of the English people, while Queen Victoria, on her visit to Paris in the following August, was received by the Emperor amid the acclamations of the French people, in the presence of 50,000 troops; and triumphal arches, flags and pyrotechnic displays marked her entire journey from Boulogne to Paris. We also know the frequency with which the cry of a French invasion of England was raised by the English Government and the alarm consequent thereon, which gave birth to Mr. Colclough's pamphlet, entitled "The Three Panics," wherein was demonstrated the utter absurdity of these insane fears. It was well known among the more intelligent classes of England that these alarms were merely gotten up in order to enable the Government to raise a large revenue, and also to retard the measures of parliamentary reform that were agitating the minds of the people; but the very success of these groundless fears only served to demonstrate the distrust of France permeating the English mind.

Referring again to the question as to whether the resignation by England of her position as "European policeman" was voluntary, we find that on August 12, 1854, the speaker of the House of Commons said: "We believe it well becomes the character and honor of this great nation, adhering to the faith of treaties, to penetrate, if possible, the designs of a monarch whose ambition, if uncontrolled, would endanger the security of every nation in Europe." And her Majesty Queen Victoria replied: "In cordial co-operation with the Emperor of the French, my efforts will be directed to the effectual repression of that ambition and aggressive spirit, on the part of Russia, which has compelled us to take up arms in defence of an ally, and to secure the tranquility of Europe."

On June 4, 1854, Sir E. B. Lytton said: "The aim of the war with Russia is to crush the power of Russia to do wrong in Europe."

These expressions convey but little in face of a voluntary surrender of the position of England as guardian of the peace, and in order to find the key to this surrender, we have only to look beneath the surface, and examine her capabilities to engage in war, when we will at once perceive that it is her inability to assume the offensive that has caused her to take the position as a non-combatant, and magnanimously forbear to endeavor to accomplish that which she knew would result in failure. In the first place, the day of aggressive maritime warfare is past; the destruction of ports at the hands of a fleet are no longer possible in the face of earthworks, torpedoes and the removal of lights and buoys, as is amply proved by the ineffectiveness of the French iron-clad navy during the present conflict: not one naval blow has been struck—a fact that speaks for itself. Then, again, the gigantic magnitude of land operations is a source of relative weakness to her; she never yet placed 70,000 men in the field in one army, even including the mercenaries which she always bought in the market of Germany; whereas, no army of less than 150,000 is even respectable in number in the warfare of to-day. And England cannot recruit her army for a foreign war as other European nations do, by conscription; neither can she ever get her artisan class to enter its ranks, even though a high rate of bounty be paid and a "free kit" be given, for the reason that it is a life-long disgrace in England to have been a soldier; it is the last step in the path of degradation, and it is exceedingly doubtful if she could raise 100,000 men, except in case of invasion.

It is a consciousness of these facts that has dictated England's policy of abstention from intervention in European complications. It is true that the recent renunciation by Russia of the treaty of Paris, in so far as it related to her exclusion from the Black Sea, threatened to lead to the armed opposition of England, but this is easily explained as follows: when, during the American civil war, the English recognized the South as belligerents, and gave to it "aid and comfort," by permitting the escape of Alabamas to prey upon American merchant ships in order to destroy the American carrying trade, she succeeded in prolonging the war and compelling the United States Government to raise means to carry on the conflict, by means of a scale of duties that gave use to a home production of coal and iron, and a home manufacture of cotton goods, thus excluding from our markets those previously sent to them from England. To make up this loss of trade, England departed from her hitherto religiously enforced rule of not giving government aid to railways or other undertakings of a private nature, and voted assistance to railroad building and irrigation in East India. And by means of the increased trade derived from the opening up of India, she replaced the loss of her American trade. England has no European rival competing for this trade save and except Russia, which is consequently the one nation to be jealously watched in any attempt to grasp either power or position in the East. When, therefore, Russia proposed to re-establish her power in the Black Sea, England felt that it was the first step in the direction of grasping her Eastern trade, and it, therefore, became a matter of self-preservation for her to oppose such a movement on the part of Russia, which has practically dictated the course of action pursued by England; because France, as a check upon Russia, is *hors de combat*, Austria is in too disorganized a condition to be able to interfere with the Eastern progress of Russia, and also has Prussia "ready and willing," at a moment's notice on the first favorable opportunity, to complete her entire annihilation as a German power; therefore, England is the only remaining obstacle to Russia's march to Constantinople, with the exception of the feeble resistance that bankrupt Turkey might be able to offer. England's position is and has been reduced to watching Russia, while fully conscious of her own weakness, and of the fact that the Alabama controversy is a clog to her movements, and may, unless settled, fill the cup of her humiliation by compelling a hasty retreat from every position she has taken, first to justify and then to excuse her violation of her duty as a neutral.

There is no consideration as to right or justice in European politics, each nation seizes all it can, so long as it can afford to disregard the cry of injustice the others always raise, and then joins the "mob" in deprecating the aggression of any other nation. It is merely a game of, "When I take, you squeal; when you take, I squeal. When I win, you say I am astute; when you succeed, I admire your astuteness." And the very nations that are exceedingly desirous of shouting justice when it suits them, can divide up Poland, enchain or free Italy, transfer portions of the Danubian provinces, rectify boundaries and cede provinces without the least consideration as to the wishes of the population when it suits them to do so. Europe is a gambling table; Russia, England, France, Prussia and Austria are the gamblers, and the petty European States are the stakes, and one cannot well refuse the losers the privilege of calling foul play, or the winners the self-satisfaction of laughing. The United States alone of all the great powers of the world declines to extend her boundaries from a sense of justice. The enlightenment of our people is too solid to be either blinded or benumbed by the intoxication of military successes; and it is not to be wondered that statesmen reared in such an atmosphere fail to compete very successfully when pitted against those of England, who are apprenticed in a school of might against right, convenience rather than justice, and promise much, but expect to

perform but little; for "to the victor belong the spoils." England can seize Brazilian ships, submit the case to an arbitrator who is a relative of her own royal family (the King of the Belgians), be ignominiously condemned, and dismiss the case with *nonchalance*, feeling no loss of national honor, when such an act would ruin a party in the United States. When the Fenians invade Canada, the English press ask in amazement, "What has Canada done?" But when Englishmen violate the usages of a country (as in Japan), despite all warnings of the consequences, and suffer the inevitable results of their folly. The English fleet can sail into the harbor of Kagasima, some hundreds of miles from the scene of the "outrage," and destroy the dwellings of the inhabitants who never heard of the "outrage" and who wonder what it all means; and this proceeding is, of course, a vindication of England's honor. In like manner, when the crown of Greece is kingless, England can object to a *protégé* of Russia occupying it; but for France to object to Prussia providing a ready-made Hohenzollern for the sceptre of Spain, is a piece of "confounded impudence, you know." England is a very warlike nation to the Brazilians, Chinese, Japanese or New Zealanders; but she is the champion of non-intervention when dealing with a powerful state. Two China wars, a Persian war, a Maori war, an East Indian war, a Kaffir war, an Abyssinian war, a high-handed proceeding with Brazil that was simply undeclared war, a joint expedition with France and Spain to Mexico, and a Russian war when France, Sardinia and Turkey were at her back, fully attest England's *powerable* proclivities; and that she has learned what Sir E. Bulwer Lytton said in his "England and the English," published in 1838, namely, "A party to be strong must always appear strong." But other nations are learning, when dealing with her, to disregard these appearances. J. ROSE.

DECLARATION AND PLEDGE

OF THE

WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES,

INFORMALLY PROPOSED AND ADOPTED

BY THE

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE CONVENTION,

AT

WASHINGTON, D. C., JAN. 12, 1871.

BY MRS. ISABELLA BEECHER HOOKER.

To the Editor of the Independent:

The woman suffrage movement has changed front within ten days past, and, the war being carried into Africa, as Miss Anthony has gallantly declared, it is proposed to leave it there—viz., in Congress—to be fought out by distinguished members on their own line and after their own fashion. Meantime the women most deeply enlisted in the work are organizing a National Committee to watch the fray in Congress, but, still better than that, to prepare a series of political tracts for the women of the United States, as a preparation for the new duties of citizenship that, at no very distant day, will certainly devolve upon them.

But you will wish to hear how all this has come about; and, going back to the beginning, permit me to state the successive steps of progress. Three ladies, calling a suffrage convention in this city for Wednesday the 11th of January, immediately on their arrival in the city, the week before, published the following notice in all the daily papers:

A National Woman Suffrage Convention for the purpose of pressing upon Congress the immediate passage of a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution, will hold day and evening sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, January 11 and 12, in Lincoln Hall. This convention is called in the interest of no society, State or national; but unofficially, by the three ladies whose names are signed to the call, and by whom the convention will be organized. Among the speakers will be women from all parts of the country, who, impressed with the number and weight of the moral questions now forcing themselves into the political arena, desire to hasten the day of the enfranchisement of their sex, that these issues of first importance may be tried before women as well as men, and be determined by both, in joint council. Hours of sessions and names of speakers will be given next week.

ISABELLA B. HOOKER,

Secretary of Committee of Arrangements.

In pursuance of this plan, they proposed to obtain, if possible, a hearing before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate upon petitions for a XVI. Amendment, already referred to that body. On Monday morning, the 9th, however, the papers announced that there would be a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee that day upon the memorial of Victoria C. Woodhull, who asked for the passage of such laws as Congress in its wisdom shall deem necessary and proper to carry into effect the rights vested by the Constitution of the United States in the citizens to vote, without regard to sex." Hastening to the committee-room, we found that such memorial had been presented, but that no action had as yet been taken upon it. Upon assuring the Committee that we also desired to be heard upon the same ground, a hearing was courteously appointed for Wednesday morning. Accordingly, the Convention was adjourned to Wednesday afternoon, and a crowd of ladies, with a sprinkling of gentlemen, filled the committee-room long before the appointed hour. Hon. Mr. Bingham, chairman of the Committee, desiring the president of the Convention to conduct the proceedings on the part of the memorialists, she intro-

duced Mrs. Woodhull in a constitutional Equal manner, but in first stating that duty. A. G. Richmond upon the Amendments, v of the president in accordance v Hooker follow restricted suffrage application to the thony, who cl characteristic they would re speedy debate From that tion, but even "Are not we women, a political d or one ma ever shall himself th we do not unrelentir gone, is a tuous citi ward the should h ers cong: giving G tender tl to these how we: delivera We ci shall be nearer t pressed Labor t commit parts c for ear: which use) of session the bo Comm of all, will be "W privi antee and ti Fiftee solem to ac soon "A tiona rity for f "J the f ours in h tene orig clar sent B roh and was from sign that foot eight nam lin lin Jov

ded Mrs. Woodhull, who read her own argument on "Constitutional Equality," with a good deal of embarrassment of manner, but in a firm, gentle, and very impressive voice, first stating that this was to her an entirely unaccustomed duty. A. G. Riddle, Esq., followed in an exhaustive argument upon the original Constitution and the XIV. and XV. Amendments, which he had kindly prepared at the request of the president, but which he stated, with much feeling, was in accordance with the deepest conviction of his soul. Mrs. Hooker followed with a short argument on the dangers of a restricted suffrage in the case of men; and, making brief application to the case of women, was followed by Miss Anthony, who closed the hearing with an earnest and most characteristic appeal to the gentlemen of the Committee that they would report something that should bring on full and speedy debate in the House.

From that day, not only during the sessions of the Convention, but ever since, the current talk of this city has been, "Are not women already enfranchised under the Constitution and Amendments?" and the number of members and outsiders who have declared themselves unable to answer the argument is astonishingly great. A distinguished senator said to one of our number that at a recent congressional dinner-party, where the subject was under discussion, some fifteen members were asked, each in turn, what answer he could make to this argument; and all replied they had nothing to offer. It is understood that General Butler is earnest in his determination to bring the discussion into the House very soon, by a minority report, in case the majority of his committee report adversely. Should this gentleman hit upon the "open sesame" by which women, as well as slaves, shall enter upon their political duties, it were almost too much good fortune or one man, according to my view of the case; but whosoever shall take this load of battle off our hands will earn for himself the undying gratitude of his country-women. For we do not love fighting; even moral warfare against such unrelenting foes as prejudice has arrayed, in the years just gone, is a bitter trial. But to foster, to educate, to train virtuous citizens for the discharge of high and holy duties toward the State—this is congenial work; and any one who should have seen the tearful eyes with which the older workers congratulated each other on the new day just dawning, giving God the praise, and welcoming each new-comer with tender thankfulness that the way would be so much easier to these new recruits, must have realized, as never before, how weary has been the struggle, how precious the hope of deliverance.

We cannot venture to predict precisely when or how we shall be enfranchised; but that the day is at hand, and much nearer than we have ever before dared to hope, seems impressed upon all. Mr. Arnell, of the House Committee on Labor and Education, has kindly offered us the use of his committee-rooms, and there we meet daily ladies from all parts of the country, who are ready to join hands with us for earnest work. Our plan is to keep this room (or one which may ere long be granted to us for our own exclusive use) open two or three hours every day during the present session of Congress, for conference; and here will be kept the books of record of the new National Woman Suffrage Committee, their tracts and documents of all sorts, and, best of all, their new Declaration of Independence. That paper will read as follows:

"We, the undersigned, believing that the sacred rights and privileges of citizenship in this Republic have been long guaranteed to us by the original Constitution of the United States, and that these are now made manifest in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments, so that we can no longer refuse the solemn responsibilities thereof, do hereby pledge ourselves to accept the duties of the franchise in our several States so soon as all legal restrictions are removed.

"And, believing that character is the best safeguard of national liberty, we pledge ourselves to make the personal purity and integrity of candidates for public office the first test for fitness.

"And, lastly, believing in God as the Supreme Author of the first American Declaration of Independence, we pledge ourselves in the spirit of that memorable act to work hand in hand with our fathers, husbands and sons for the maintenance of those equal rights on which our Republic was originally founded, to the end that it may have what is declared to be the first condition of just government—the consent of the governed."

By the 20th of January we hope to have a handsome folio volume, containing on its first page the above declaration; and we hereby invite autograph signatures from every woman in the land who proposes to exercise her right of franchise so soon as her legal disabilities are removed. As few women can come to Washington for the purpose of signing, we propose this plan: That each one shall write her name in fair and legible hand (using the most durable ink that can be obtained) on a narrow slip of paper, the width of foolscap and an inch and a half in length (that is, nearly eight inches by one and a half)—writing her own Christian name in full, with such initials as she pleases on the upper line, and the name of her town and State in full on the lower line—and then send this slip in a postpaid envelope to Mrs. Josephine S. Griffing, Washington, D. C. These will all be immediately put into the book as original signatures.

(Model.)

MARGARET C. HAZLETON,
STOCKBRIDGE, CONN.

If, now, each one would also enclose one dollar as a contri-

bution to the printing fund, we should have great hope of carrying out a plan for monthly distribution of tracts on such political subjects as ought to be discussed in every family in the land. The first tract proposed will contain the hearing before the Judiciary Committee; the report of the same, and an outline of the argument in favor of enfranchisement by a declaratory act of Congress. Instead of by the tedious and unsatisfactory process of a XVI. Amendment; and also will contain suggestions to women concerning their immediate privilege and duty.

The second tract will be a *resume* of the woman movement the world over, wherein it will be made evident to all who read that the present agitation is not the result of discontent in a few restless minds, but is a part of that great wave of freedom which is sweeping every shore, bringing to every human being that larger opportunity for development, and that higher sense of personal responsibility, which are essential to the true Christian progress, both of individuals and of nations.

The third tract will treat the legal disabilities of married women in all the States of the Union, and propose a uniform system of legislation upon the basis of perfect equality between husband and wife, and in accordance with the true spirit of Christian civilization.

The committee having in charge the whole business of organization, printing, raising and disbursing funds, are:

Mrs. ISABELLA BEECHER HOOKER, Hartford, Conn., President.
Mrs. JOSEPHINE L. GRIFFING, Washington, D. C., Secretary.
Mrs. MARY B. BOWEN, Washington, D. C., Treasurer.
Mrs. PAULINA WRIGHT DAVIS, Providence, R. I.
Miss SUSAN B. ANTHONY, Rochester, N. Y.

The names of the committee of distribution in each State will be announced when the organization is complete.

Mr. Editor, permit me to invite every reader of this article to send one dollar to our fund by early mail, and as much more as shall seem best to himself or herself. Can money be better invested than in this family education in political economy? A distinguished Senator said to me last night, after hearing our plan: "That is similar to what we undertook preparatory to pushing the XV. Amendment. We sent eight million tracts all over the South, and in many instances procured the reading of them to those who could not read themselves, whether white or black, and we got immense results; and if we had pursued that same work for months in a progressive way, reconstruction would not be where it is to-day." Friends, give us the funds and we will guarantee the beginning of a new era in politics—a higher order of statesmanship. Henceforth Political Economy and Domestic Economy shall walk hand-in-hand.

WASHINGTON, January 21, 1871.

—From the Independent.

NATIONAL LABOR UNION.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

55 GROVE STREET, NEW YORK, Feb. 2, 1871.

DEAR SIR: * * * Personally, and otherwise, I would like Mrs. Woodhull to be a delegate to the National Convention.

First: She is a remarkable woman and understands matters of State and the politics of our country as few do.

Second: Because I am convinced that women should not be debared the right to vote. All have the right; but to prevent a woman who owns taxable property, or who has a direct interest at stake in the Legislature of our country from having a voice in such Legislature, or in selecting her representative, amounts, in my opinion, to a crime. If the income tax, or any like question, is a matter of interest and anxiety to Mr. Astor, is it reasonable to suppose it would be less so to his widow?

Third: Because the National Labor party, if successful, must be established upon the principle of equal and exact justice to all. The leaders of the present political parties, if we are rightly informed, have expressed the opinion that female suffrage is only a question of time, and that the only positive objection is the strong prejudice against it by the less informed people, which must undergo a change. If this be true the leaders of the new party should prevent such prejudices from creeping into its ranks by a manly and prompt recognition of what is acknowledged to be just and right by all fair people, and they will thus save themselves and their followers from the embarrassment and awkwardness this question has caused the existing parties.

You know I entertained views almost directly contrary to the above no longer ago than last August. I ridiculed the movement, and I am pained to admit that I addressed language to one of the Cincinnati delegates, who has since gone to a far better home than this earth can afford, which, though not disrespectful, were at least uncalled for. But I was wrong: there are many who are wrong. The female suffrage question may be laughed at, belittled, aye, even lowered, in the estimation of men, by its advocates, but, for all that, it is second to none of all which are before the American people to-day.

JOHN W. BROWNING, Secretary.

RICHARD F. TREVELICK,
President of the National Labor Union.

If there were anything wanting to prove beyond a doubt the justice of the position we have assumed, that all citizens, without regard to sex, are entitled to all the rights of citizenship, it would be found in the rapidly changing sentiment regarding it. Justice finds ready access to the American heart and mind when not debared by prejudice, and this even gives way when conviction comes. Hence, it may be set down as an axiom that truth and right will always come uppermost in the end, even in a cause which has received such unwarrantable abuse from its bigoted and intolerant opposers as that of equality for woman.

In the above letter there speaks an honest American heart, one which, when convinced of the truth, comes out manfully and does what it is possible to do to mitigate the

errors of the past. Capacity for such conduct marks the truly great. None among the opposers of women's political equality were more bitter and sarcastic than he, and many have felt the stings of his barbed shafts; but none of them will regret the past in the knowledge that his talent will now be given as freely in support of the cause of humanity. There is another very significant fact coming to be recognized, and that is, that many of the prominent leaders of the Labor party have been favorable to this cause, but from motives of expediency withheld from "loading" their widely-recognized movement with one which received so much abuse. In the prominence which has suddenly been given to the cause of woman, this necessity for being governed by expediency in reference to it is passed, and in the future the interests and aims of both will, from the very nature of them, be mutual.

We give below the declaration of principles of the National Labor Congress, to which we invite special attention:

REFORM! REFORM!

CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL LABOR PARTY.

At the meeting of the National Labor Congress, held at Cincinnati, in August, 1870, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the President of this Congress be empowered and instructed to appoint a committee of one from each State and Territory and the District of Columbia, whose duty it shall be to call at the earliest practicable moment a National Convention, in order to complete the organization of the National Labor Party."

In pursuance whereof, the committee appointed for this purpose met in the City of Washington, D. C., January 17, 1871, and fixed the rule of representation in said Convention as follows:

Each State to be entitled to one delegate for each member and senator in the Congress of the United States, and one delegate from each Territory and the District of Columbia. Delegates shall have the certificate of the chairman and secretary of the Convention appointing, and also the indorsement of the member of the national committee of their respective States and Territories that they were duly elected, and that they indorse the principles and purposes of this call. Delegates coming from districts where no convention has been held, or no member of the national committee resides, will be subject to the action of the National Convention when organized.

The delegates thus qualified will meet at the City of Columbus, Ohio, at 10 o'clock A.M., on the third Wednesday of October, 1871, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President of the United States, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them. Provided that the chairman of the national committee may, on the written request of a majority of the national committee, appoint a different day for the assembling of the convention.

In making this call, and presuming to enter into competition with existing parties, it is met that we should give to the world our reasons as well as the remedies we propose for the wrongs of which we complain.

Starting, then, with the maxims that our Government is founded on the sovereignty and consent of the governed, and its purpose to protect property and enforce natural rights, and thus give to all an equitable chance in the race of life; that land, water, air, and all natural elements are common gifts, and Governments are only trustees to guard against their misapplication, and that, as trustees, they have no right to alienate without the consent of the owners freely given; that all class legislation whereby these original and common elements or the proceeds of the same enhanced by intelligent labor, are perverted from their original design and made to enure to the benefit of non-producers and the injury of producers, is wrong and subversive of the purposes of good government. That all able-bodied, intelligent persons should contribute to the common stock, by useful industry, a sum or quantity equal to their own support, and legislation should tend as far as possible to the equitable distribution of the surplus products.

If these propositions are true, our Government is wholly perverted from its true design, and the sacred names, Democracy and Republicanism are the synonyms of despotism, and the parties represented thereby, as now organized, are engines of oppression crushing out the lives of the people. We need only point to the facts, that in this beneficent country of unlimited resources, with the land annually groaning beneath the products of human effort, the mass of the people have no supply beyond their daily wants; compelled, from unjust conditions, in sickness and misfortune, to become paupers and vagrants. Pauperism and crime are the perplexing questions of all modern statesmanship, and it is with these we have to deal. How far these evils are connected with the abuses inflicted on labor, a superficial statesmanship seems not to perceive. Chattel slavery has been abolished, but the rights and relations of labor stand just where they did before the emancipation in respect to the division of its products. The difference lies only in the methods of abstracting the results and concentrating them in the few capitalists. Capital is now the master, and dictates the terms, and thus all labor is practically placed in the same condition of the slave before his emancipation. In thus placing it, the interest of all laborers becomes common, and they must fight the battle in unity if they would succeed.

What, then, are the instrumentalities by which these wrongs are inflicted?

1. Banking and moneyed monopolies, by which, through ruinous rates of interest, the products of human labor are concentrated in the hands of non-producers. This is the great central source of these wrongs in and through which all other monopolies exist and operate.

2. Consolidated railroad and other transit monopolies, whereby all industries are taxed to the last mill they will bear for the benefit of the stockholders and stock-jockeys.

3. Manufacturing monopolies, whereby all small operators are crushed and the price of labor and its products are determined with mathematical certainty in the interest of the capitalists.

4. Land monopolies, by which the public domain is absorbed by a few corporations and speculators.

5. Commercial and grain monopolies, speculating and enriching their bloated corporations on human necessities.

We propose to restore the Government to its original purpose, and as far as possible, to remedy these evils and remove their result.

1. By abolishing the gold base fallacy and establishing a monetary system based on the faith and resources of the

nation, in harmony with the genius of the Government, and adapted to the exigencies of legitimate commerce. To this end the circulating notes of the National and State banks as well as all currency that is not a full legal tender, should be withdrawn from circulation and a paper currency issued by the Government which shall be a legal tender in the payment of all debts, public and private—duties on imports included—and declared the lawful money of the United States. This currency or money to be interchangeable, at the pleasure of the holders, for Government bonds bearing three per cent. interest, the Government creditors to have the privilege of taking the money or the bonds, at their election, reserving to Congress the right to regulate the rate of interest on the bonds and the volume of the currency, so as to effect the equitable distribution of the products of labor between money or non-producing capital and productive industry.

2. By paying the national debt in strict accordance with the laws under which it was originally contracted—gold where specifically promised; but all other forms of indebtedness, including the principal of the 5-20 bonds, shall be discharged at the earliest option of the Government in the legal tender currency or lawful money of the United States without funding it in long bonds, or in any way increasing the gold paying and untaxed obligations of the Government.

3. By preserving inviolate the public domain to actual settlers—tillers of the soil.

4. By a tariff for revenue alone—believing as we do that the reduction of interest to a just rate will do more to increase the rewards of labor in all departments of useful industry, and to encourage the development of our agricultural, mineral, manufacturing, and mechanical resources, than any system of tariff laws that can be devised.

5. By restraining, or if need be, abolishing corporate monopolies, interfering class legislation, and confining national legislation to national objects, subjecting the military to the civil authorities, and reducing the army to a strictly peace standard, and confining its operations to national purposes alone.

6. By requiring that in all future wars the means necessary for their prosecution shall, as required, be collected from the wealth of the country, and not entailed on the future earnings of labor.

7. By adopting an Indian policy founded on natural justice, by which many valuable lives and many millions of money will be annually saved.

8. By holding legislators to a more rigid accountability, by requiring the submission of the question of the annexation of territory and other fundamental laws affecting the general interest of society to a vote of the whole people.

9. By prohibiting the importation of Coolies or other servile labor, and protecting labor from all unnecessary burdens.

10. By encouraging co-operative effort and the building up of manufacturing industries throughout the country.

11. By granting general amnesty and restoring the Union at once on the basis of the equality of rights and privileges to all classes and interests—the impartial administration of justice being the only true bond of union to bind the States together and engage the affections of the people to the Government.

12. By the creation of a board of management of the currency and revenue, to consist of such number of intelligent business men as may be necessary to transact the fiscal affairs of the Government, which board shall be charged with the execution of all laws relating to the collection and disbursement of the revenue and the regulation of the currency, and empowered to employ and have the oversight of the clerical force, and other officers and agents required in the discharge of all the duties pertaining to this department. The same rule to be applied to the Post-office and Interior Departments, as far as may be practicable. The Secretaries of the respective departments to be presidents of such boards.

We believe this to be the true way to effect a thorough reform in the civil service of the Government; that in this way these departments can be removed beyond partisan influence and conducted on correct business principles, by which one third to one-half of the force now employed can be dispensed with and a corresponding saving in the expenses effected.

The committee have thus set forth, in brief, the substance of the Declaration of principles and resolutions adopted by the National Labor Congress, which are published weekly, at length, in the *Workingman's Advocate*, Chicago, Ill.; the *American Workman*, Boston, Mass.; the *Anthracite Monitor*, Tamaqua, Pa., and from time to time in many other papers friendly to the movement.

It cannot be denied that there are radical wrongs in our monetary, commercial and land systems; that the laws governing the distribution of property are manifestly unfair, and tend directly to the benefit of the few and injury of the many; that out of these derangements and the misapplication of the powers and functions of Government come poverty, suffering and crime.

The reason for this state of affairs is to be found in the fact that the legislation of the whole country is in the hands and under the supreme control of bankers, stock-jobbers, land-grabbers and professional politicians to the almost entire exclusion of those who produce the wealth and pay the taxes. To correct these and other abuses in the Government is our sole purpose. Looking only to the future, we do not propose to disturb existing rights by any agrarian or other like distribution of property; nor do we seek to array labor against capital any farther than demanded by the principles of equity. We come not to ask for artificial rights or exclusive privileges, but to demand protection in our natural rights.

The rights and interests of all useful industry being unitary, we include in our call and work all classes, but especially appeal to the agriculturists, not because they suffer most, but because the very independence and comfort they enjoy prevent them from feeling the oppressions inflicted on mechanical and common labor by the present false standard of distribution.

In conclusion, we ask of all a careful consideration of the views presented and the objects sought to be attained, and invite those who endorse the principles enunciated and sanction the movement to discard their preconceived opinions and prejudices and unite with us in an organized effort for the vindication of the rights of the whole people and the restoration of the Government to its original purpose.

A. M. PERRY,
Chairman Committee, Greenacres, Ind.
A. CAMPBELL, Secretary, La Salle, Ill.
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 25, 1871.

Mrs. Adelaide Murdoch, sister of the elocutionist and tragedian, has entered the lecture field.

THE FELON'S DOCK

— And put in every honest hand a whip
To lash the rascals naked through the world. — SHAKESPEARE.

We propose to let the above caption remain as the title of the criminal department of this journal, where, as to some judge of a police court, delinquents of various orders and degrees will, from time to time, be brought up for judgment and punishment.

We do not propose, however, to put felons only in the "Dock," unless we give to the word "felon" a very latitudinarian significance, inclusive of every kind of wrong doing. Our object will be, at all events, to expose frauds and villainies of every description, to tear away the mask from the face of hypocrisy, to lay bare the schemes of the numerous gangs of vice which are organized in our very midst for the destruction both of virtue and society—seducers of young, innocent and inexperienced country girls—the pimps and panders of prostitution and its accompanying miseries, crimes and premature deaths of agony. Criminals in high places as well as in low places will have equal trial and justice done to them—no more and no less.

Nor will the sins, shams and licentiousness of "fashionable life" escape the Argus eyes of this court, but they will all go into the "Felon's Dock" and have their reward. Trade swindles and "ring" swindles of all sorts, public delinquents, whether Congressmen, Senators or Government officials, will each have his "book of life" opened and his crimes exposed.

There is the greater necessity for some such overhauling of political and social offenders as that which is here laid down for action, because it is well known that the press of New York—we had almost said of the entire country—is so utterly corrupt that there is no bringing any rogue to the bar of public justice, through any newspaper medium, if he only possesses money enough to buy up the exposure. And, even when money is wanting, there is the evil magic of political or other influence to outweigh justice and check judgment in this regard. It is true that every now and then some "big thing" is discovered in high life which finds its way into the newspapers, but in such cases we may be sure either that the bid against publication was not high enough, or that there was no money at all forthcoming to prevent it. And as money, any way, was the sole object in the meddling with it at all, and the paper did not care a rush for the crime itself, as such, the final printing of it was for "sensational purposes," inasmuch as sensation cases always bring plenty of grist to the mill.

The degradation of the Press can hardly go beyond that, one would think. And yet these sensation-mongers are absolute dealers also in man's nests, and hire "gentlemen of talent and education," at a weekly wage, to invent lies where-with to gull a credulous public.

It is time, therefore, that these and other virtues should be incorporated in some great organ of popular thought and principle, whose columns should be open to the fullest and freest expression of the writer's knowledge and conviction upon any and all subjects, persons and estates. There is the estate of this Republic, for example, which sadly needs winding and winnowing, and its evil things brought to light, and then to ignominious death.

There are, also, many thousands of what are called "petty wrongs"—little, mean basenesses, which—little as they are, eat up the life, the very life of those who suffer from them, while the man who makes them suffer gets off scot-free. There are employers in this city who give their clerks wages upon which it is next to impossible for them to exist, especially if they be married men. A. T. Stewart belongs to this class. The great body of his employees do not receive the wages of shoeblacks—that is to say, there are many shoeblacks who make more money before a nine o'clock breakfast than the majority of A. T. Stewart's clerks make all day long—and they are precious long days, too, at his establishment, inasmuch as he regards them all as machines, and not as human beings, and does not, according to all accounts, care as much about them as the manufacturer for his Jacquard loom. Men are dirt cheap, though God made them, and eternities encompass them, and Jacquard looms cost money, and money is the god of all gods with A. T. Stewart. Upon the wages he gives to these clerks he expects and insists, as the condition of their remaining with him, that they shall dress as gentlemen. The outside is all he concerns himself with. What is it to him whether they be hungry themselves, or their wives and children be hungry at home; or whether there be warm clothing enough for the family this cold winter time; or whether the coal and woodshed be empty or full! He pays them the wages he agreed to pay them, and that is enough for him, even though he knows that if he did to them as he would be done by he would pay them much more than he agreed to pay, because they have earned more. We have heard, too, from what should be good authority, that, conscious of the insufficiency of his salaries to support a man as decent American families are accustomed to live, he lays traps for them to test their honesty.

He has a dim idea in his head all the time that hungry children and empty trenchers at a man's home are terrible incentives to dishonesty, and the less he pays a man the more strictly he looks after him. He is a master of this in exorable logic, which is the logic of cruelty and oppression. And with a knowledge of these facts in mind, we defy any humane man or woman to visit A. T. Stewart's magnificent cathedral of commerce without a pang of bitterness and a deep sense of injustice. So much external magnificence, so much pride of ownership in the proprietor, and so much internal misery and poverty among the clerks. We speak now of the majority, not of the upper tennors, although even these, with the exception of some three or four, are not paid, as we learn, in anything like the proportion of the service rendered.

We may be quite sure that Mr. Stewart will not pay anybody too much. Sainflints abound; but so, also, thank God! do generous and just employers. As a body the merchants and the merchant princes of New York are the most munificent in the world. They do not throw off their clerks like old clothes the moment they get sick—as one New York merchant, at least, does—but they hold as a rule to the kindly tie which unites them, as employers and employed, and see to it that they want for nothing, and the salaries they pay are respectable and such as a man can live on, he and all his family. Mr. Stewart never had the reputation of being a generous man, and if he gave largely to Grant, it was solely in the hope that some good thing would be granted to him in return. And it was so; but it was illegally granted, and the people would not submit to the degradation of having the public and constitutional law broken at the instance of an unnaturalized citizen, even though he were nominated to office by the President who was the recipient of his bounty. So he was ousted and he

has never forgotten nor forgiven the fact. "All that good money wasted for nothing. No results! No results! What shall I do to redeem it? What shall I do?" This has been the burden of his moaning ever since, and it is said that he has even written a pitiful Jeremiad over his appalling loss.

Certain wealth worshippers in the city, who would fall down before any golden calf, and who have made an idol of Mr. Stewart on account of his vast Mammon acquisitions, and will not hear of his meanness and stinginess, point in triumph to the great mansion which he has built for the benefit of "persons of the female sex"—when they get it to it—and declare that this is proof sufficient both of his greatness and goodness. We have no word to say against these "charities"—if such they be—and no doubt, as the *Edinburgh Review* said of Lord Byron's "Hours of Idleness," when they were first published, that "we should be thankful for what we can get in these days, nor look the gift horse in the mouth." But we do not know enough of the terms at present upon which our workwomen are to occupy this mansion, to judge how far Mr. Stewart is worthy to be called, in respect of it, a public benefactor. He is said to be the richest man in the United States, and has been so for a number of years; and if this be the case, why did he not compel that close fist of his to unloose its grip long ago, and dispense such bounties as he could bring his heart to give, among those who so much needed it—his own workmen and women first of all, and the poor suffering needle-women and the higher class of female mechanics? With some men, however, 'tis like wringing the blood from their hearts, drop by drop, to unhand never so paltry a sum of dollars—and this was pretty clearly the case in those times with Mr. Stewart, who is now, to all appearance, compounding with his conscience—if he has one that is not composed of the yellow metal—and in his old days is trying to make himself believe that he is a public benefactor, and ripe for heaven, because he has built a magnificent house, or houses, for poor folks to dwell in.

But this laggard charity is like a death-bed repentance, and come a little too late. Mr. Stewart, at the best, does but give away what he cannot use himself, or carry with him into the spiritual world. If he had gone without his "Sunday dinner" now and then, or had anywise pinched himself to scrape this money together that he might do good with it—every such self-denial would have been a beautiful Sabbath of love, and set down to his account as such on the right side of God's ledger. But his whole life has been for No. 1, and the interests of that individual; and we do not blame him a whit as things go in this selfish world. He never professed to be a saint, and if he had nobody would have believed him. But neither will anybody believe that he has been converted to good ness and the love of his fellow creatures in these latter days, because he has given of his superfluity to put a pleasant roof over the heads of poor and deserving women. It was Peter Cooper as we hear, who shamed him into what good may come out of his building enterprise. Mr. Cooper did nip and pinch abundantly to get together the two hundred and fifty thousand which he spent on the building of the Cooper Institute, and it nearly cleaned him out, for he had but ten thousand left when he threw open the doors for ever to the public, free of charge. But Mr. Stewart will have nearly ten times ten millions when he puts the finishing touches to his building.

But what is the good of this large bounty compared with that which a much smaller bounty might produce, if wisely dispensed? There are scores of private ladies and gentlemen who, with very meagre means, contrive to make many families very comfortable and happy. There come times to all who live from hand to mouth which are full of bitterness, desolation, and want, and these are the true occasions for the exercise of a noble benevolence and generosity. It would be very curious to inquire how many opportunities of this kind have been embraced by Mr. Stewart; and this point being settled, to inquire still further the amount of money which he has handed over to such necessitous people. There was a time—when we were green and virtuous—when we should have hoped that a man of Mr. Stewart's wealth would have been the most lavish in such good works of any man in the United States. But that was all a dream—every fibre of it—and we now know how to estimate this man's Christian benevolence and deeds of charity and mercy. For thereby hangs a tale, to which we call everybody's attention, since it pulls the fancy pall from the corpse and shows us the withered skin and the scurried heart beneath it.

Mr. Stewart had for years engaged the services of a clerk who had distinguished himself by his talents and fidelity, and his great business tact and knowledge. He was a general favorite both with his fellow clerks and the public that visited the store—and even the Great Man himself, the great "A. T.," condescended to say "how d' do!" to him when he passed his counter. He had a dear old mother, but his salary was so small he had hard work to keep her respectably, and make the two ends of the year meet. As for laying by for a rainy day, the thing was impossible. He never had a dime before hand, and this was a source of unceasing misery to him, for he was in bad health, and the chances were that he might at any time go his way hence. About the close of the last year, his welcome, cheery face was missed at the store, morning after morning, and many kind inquiries were sent to his home by the clerks, and every now and then some little delicacy also, just to let him see that he was not forgotten. At last word came that he was dead, and that his beloved mother was destitute. With one and the same generous impulse, the clerks proposed a subscription, and thinking that Mr. Stewart would like to give something, and, might be hurt (God wot!) if he were not given an opportunity to do so, they went to him first of all to head the list. The great man was evidently annoyed at being asked to help his clerk's widow. "Let the dead bury their dead," quoth he. And yet, it would hardly do not to give something, so, after much inward debating, he concluded to give a whole dollar, and put his name down with that strong figure against it, and yet he had just given thirty thousand dollars for a drawing-room carpet!

The clerks would not believe his meanness. It seemed impossible that even A. T. Stewart should be so despicably mean. But there was the handwriting on the wall—his "mea, mene, tekel, upharsin!" To the honor of these young men, there was not one of them who put his name down for less than five dollars, and some gave more. The list, as we are happy to know, and can vouch for, was then taken to a friend of this present writer, and, although the poor young fellow was altogether unknown to him, he did what he believed to be his duty in the premises, and set his name down for fifty dollars, and has never once regretted it. We wonder if poor "A. T." can say the same about his dollar.

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RESOURCES OF THE COMPANY.

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Subscriptions to convertible bonds..... 600,000
Mortgage bonds, \$20,000 per mile, on 345 miles..... 6,900,000

Total.....\$14,000,000

Equal to \$40,000 per mile.

The road is built in the most thorough manner, and at the lowest attainable cost for cash.

The liberal subscriptions to the Convertible Bonds of the Company, added to its other resources, give the most encouraging assurance of the early completion of the road. The portion already finished, as will be seen by the following letter from the President of the Company, is doing a profitable local business:

New York, Dec. 2, 1870.

Messrs. GEORGE OPDYKE & Co., New York:

GENTLEMEN—Your favor of the 1st inst., asking for a statement of last month's earnings of the New York and Oswego Midland Railroad, is at hand. I have not yet received a report of the earnings for November.

The earnings for the month of October, from all sources, were \$43,709 17, equal to \$524,510 04 per annum on the 147 miles of road, viz.: Main line from Sidney to Oswego, 125 miles; New Berlin Branch, 22 miles.

The road commenced to transport coal from Sidney under a contract with the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company in the latter part of November. The best informed on the subject estimate the quantity to be transported the first year at not less than 250,000 tons, while some estimate the quantity at 300,000 tons. This will yield an income of from \$375,000 to \$450,000 from coal alone on that part of the road.

Taking the lowest of these estimates, it gives for the 147 miles a total annual earning of \$899,510 04. The total operating expenses will not exceed fifty per cent., which leaves the net annual earnings \$449,755 02, which is \$214,555 02 in excess of interest of the bonds issued thereon.

I should add that the earnings from passengers and freight are steadily increasing, and that, too, without any through business to New York. Y rs truly,

D. C. LITTLEJOHN, President

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notice is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all Houses and Lots, improved or unimproved Lands, affected thereby, that the following Assessments have been completed, and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz:

1. For laying Stafford pavement in Seventh avenue, from Fourteenth to Fifty-ninth street.
2. For laying Stafford pavement in Fifteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.
3. For laying Stafford pavement in Fifty-seventh street, from Lexington to Sixth avenue.
4. For laying Belgian pavement in Thirty-ninth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue.
5. For laying Belgian pavement in South street, from Catharine to Montgomery street.
6. For laying Belgian pavement in Twenty-eighth street, from Broadway to Eighth avenue.
7. For laying Hamar wood pavement in Forty-sixth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue.
8. For laying crosswalk at easterly intersection of Varick and King streets.
9. For laying crosswalk at northerly intersection of Varick and King streets.
10. For laying crosswalk at westerly intersection of Varick and King streets.
11. For laying crosswalk at southerly intersection of Varick and King streets.
12. For laying crosswalk corner Vandam and Varick streets.
13. For laying crosswalk at easterly intersection of One Hundred and Tenth street and First avenue.
14. For laying crosswalk at westerly intersection of One Hundred and Tenth street and First avenue.
15. For laying crosswalk at westerly intersection of One Hundred and Eleventh street and First avenue.
16. For laying crosswalk at easterly intersection of One Hundred and Eleventh street and First avenue.
17. For laying crosswalk at easterly intersection of One Hundred and Twelfth street and First avenue.
18. For laying crosswalk at westerly intersection of One Hundred and Twelfth street and First avenue.
19. For laying crosswalk at westerly intersection of One Hundred and Thirteenth street and First avenue.
20. For laying crosswalk at easterly intersection of One Hundred and Thirteenth street and First avenue.
21. For laying crosswalk opposite No. 1,160 Broadway.

The limits embraced by such assessments include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on—

1. Both sides of Seventh avenue, from Fourteenth to Fifty-ninth street, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.
2. Both sides of Fifteenth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenues, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.
3. Both sides of Fifty-seventh street, from Lexington to Sixth avenue, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.
4. Both sides of Thirty-ninth street, from Seventh to Eighth avenue, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.
5. Both sides of South street, from Catharine to Montgomery street, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.
6. Both sides of Twenty-eighth street, from Broadway to Eighth avenue, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.
7. Both sides of Forty-sixth street, from Fourth to Fifth avenue, to the extent of half the block on the intersecting streets.
8. The easterly side of Varick street, commencing at King street, and running easterly and southerly half the block therefrom.
9. The northerly side of King street, commencing at Varick street, and running northerly and westerly half the block therefrom.
10. The westerly side of Varick street, commencing at King street, and running northerly and southerly half the block therefrom.
11. The southerly side of King street, commencing at Varick street, and running easterly and westerly half the block therefrom.
12. Both sides of Vandam street, from Varick to Macdougall street, and the easterly side of Varick street, from Spring to Charlton street.
13. Both sides of One Hundred and Tenth street, commencing at First avenue, and running easterly half the block therefrom, and the easterly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Ninth to One Hundred and Eleventh street.
14. Both sides of One Hundred and Tenth street, commencing at First avenue, and running westerly half the block therefrom, and the westerly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Ninth to One Hundred and Eleventh street.
15. Both sides of One Hundred and Eleventh street, commencing at First avenue, and running westerly half the block therefrom, and the westerly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Twelfth street.
16. Both sides of One Hundred and Eleventh street, commencing at First avenue, and running easterly half the block therefrom, and the easterly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Tenth to One Hundred and Twelfth street.
17. Both sides of One Hundred and Twelfth street, commencing at First avenue and running easterly half the block therefrom, and the easterly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Eleventh to One Hundred and Thirteenth street.
18. Both sides of One Hundred and Twelfth street, commencing at First avenue and running westerly half the block therefrom, and the westerly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Eleventh to One Hundred and Thirteenth street.
19. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, commencing at First avenue, and running westerly half the block therefrom, and the westerly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Twelfth to One Hundred and Fourteenth street.
20. Both sides of One Hundred and Thirteenth street, commencing at First avenue, and running easterly half the block therefrom, and the easterly side of First avenue, from One Hundred and Twelfth to One Hundred and Fourteenth street.
21. Both sides of Broadway, from Twenty-seventh to Twenty-eighth street.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to Richard Tweed, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 19 Chatham street, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

RICHARD TWEED,
THOMAS B. ASTEN,
MYER MYERS,
FRANCIS A. SANDS,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
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Assets 4,578,008 02

Liabilities 199,668 71

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J. H. WASHBURN, Secretary.

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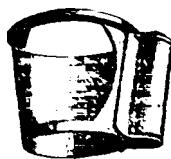
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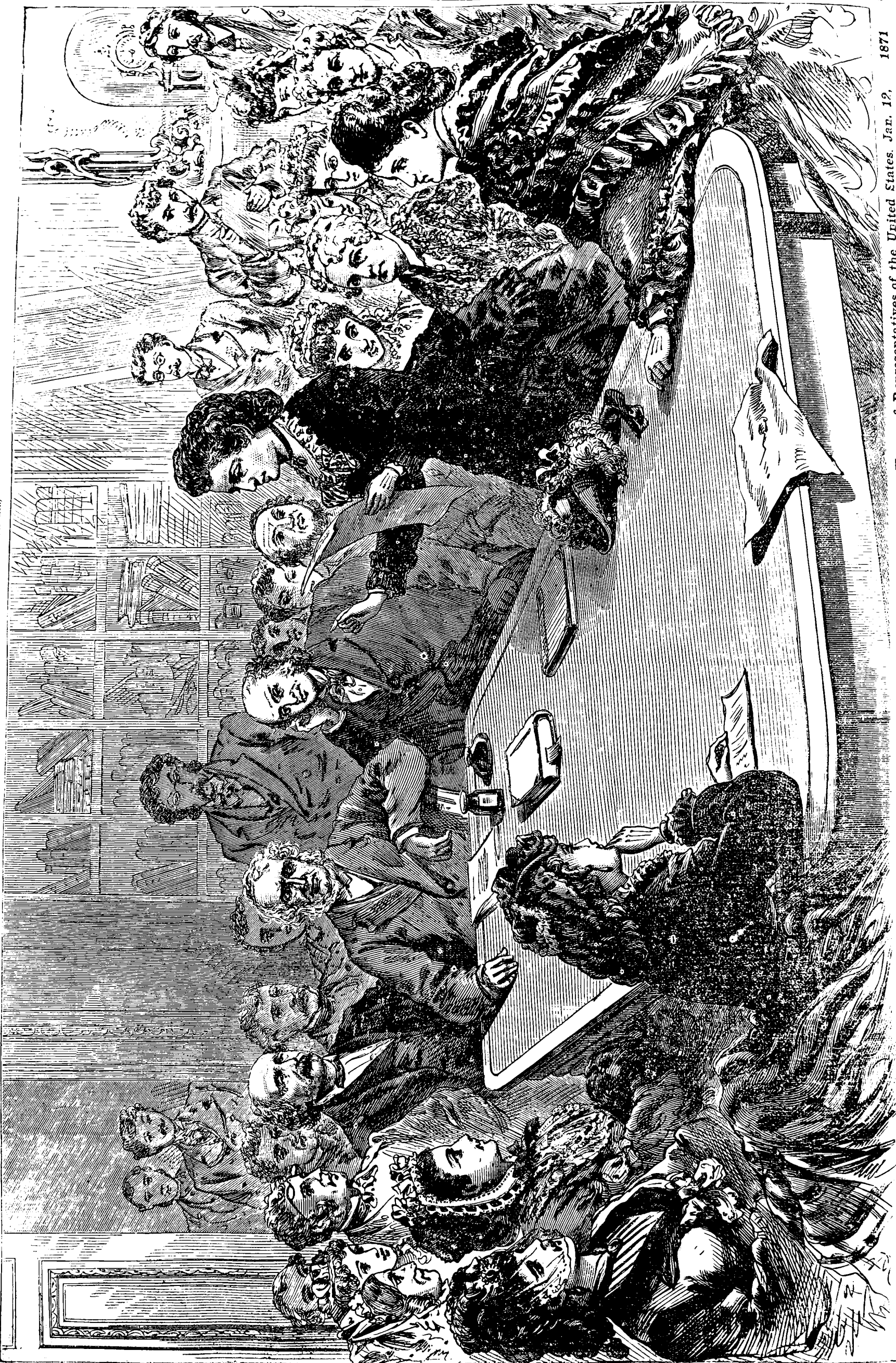
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