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"SEC. 1. The right of the citizens of th United States to vote shall not be denied or atridged by the United States, or any State, on account of race, color, or previous. condition of servitude.

"SEC. 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

The above is the text of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which has been ratified by the requisite number of States and recently proclaimed officially by President Grant. Whatever may be said in the future of the present long domination of the Republican party, in the legislation of the nation, commencing with the first term of Abraham Lincoln, one thing is certain, it will ever be memorable in the history of the country as the period during which slavery in the Union was abolished, and during which the millions of emancipated blacks were enfranchised, and raised to a status, in the eye of the law, equal with that of the white man.

The opinion of civilized man, the world over, endorsed and applauded the Emandipation act and its proclamation, but it is very doubtful whether the same may be said of the 15th Amendment to the Constitution. Very many will no doubt endorse the sentiment of Mr. Dent, the father-inlaw of President Grant. At the time the proclamation was signed there was acrowd in the ante-room of the White House, and when the announcement was made that the negroes could vote everywhere, Mr. Dent said, "Well, gentlemen, you will be d --- d sorry for this." Whether this prophotic jest of the old gentleman will be realized time only will determine. We think it not at all improbable. It will be sure to add to the self-importance of the blacks, and in their still ignorant and uncultivated condition, it may lead them to assume airs, and to commit acts which will be resented by their white neighbors and so lead to trouble.

A revelation was given through the Prophet Joseph Smith, in 1830, foretelling the rebellion in South Carolina; and the same also says that after many days the slaves should rise against their masters, One portion of the prophecy has been literally fulfilled, and it is reasonable to suppose that the other will be; and the enfranchisement of the negroes, investing them with such a large increase of power may accelerate its consummation. However, we will hope for the best. The amendment is now ratified and proclaimed, and it is doubtful whether the power it confers can ever be recalled, at any rate, without bloodshed. One amendment more and the wildest dreams of the advocates of universal suffrage will be realised. If the Fifteenth Amendment had read "the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of race, color, sex or previous condition of servitude," the work would have been accomplished; but, unfortunately for the ladies, it is not so expressed. But then, feminine influence with the legislators of the nation is wonderful, as all will admit after perusing the following paragraph: "

THE decline of the American shipping of remaining at their homes rather than Great Britain; but since then our rival - Civil Service Journal. across the Atlantic has made tremendous strides, and, at the present time, is so far ahead as to dwarf the shipping interests of this country into insignificance.

The St. Louis Dispatch, of a recent date, gives some details which show that the taking advantage of the apparent supinegovernment of this country to this great interest.

In five years, from '61' to '66, the tonnage of the foreign carrying trade of this country decreased 1,149,902 tons, more than 43 per cent; while that of Britain increased nearly 50 per cent. in the same period. At the present time 'the leading British companies are rapidly adding to the numbers of their fleets. The Cunard line has been increased by an aggregate of 14,000 tons. teen steamers, is to be increased to seventeen; the Guion, from six to eight, the two additional being 3,000 tons each. The Nagregate of 18,000 tons of burden; and a new company is about to commence operations 10,000 tons burden. In addition to all these the Montreal Steamship Company is about to increase its fleet by two additional steamers. Exclusive of the last mentioned Company, the increase of the various companies will raise the number of steamers plying between Liverpool and this coun-

try from forty-nine to sixty-six. ports the recent operations of the various companies, old and new, have more than trebled their carrying capacity, the total number of the steamers being twenty-four. There are in addition to all these about a hundred more steamers, belonging to various companies, sailing from Liverpool to the East Indies and Africa.

This is no fancy sketch of the maritime supremacy of Great Britain; and this is owing in great part to the protective policy of this country. As long as an embargo is laid upon the importation of shipbuilding lutions which the wheels of a watch material into this country, so long will the advantages be retained by Britain or some other nation; for while ships can be built so much cheaper across the Atlantic, American capital will remain uninvested 24 revolutions in 24 hours, or 8,760 in a in this great interest and the skill of year; the third wheel, 182 in 24 hours, or American artists in this direction, supe- 69,080 in a year; the fourth wheel value to the country. It would be well if those who have the or 4,728,400 revolutions in a year; while contracts. power, would weigh well the import of the the beats or vibrations made in 24 hours above facts, and instead of legislating for are 388,800, or 141,812,900 in a year. the protection of a few capitalists, pass laws for the removal of restrictions on trade. This done'the American shipping interest would soon revive, and in a few years our supremacy, as the ocean carriers of the world, would be re-asserted, and maintained, and a healthy impetus be given to one of the most valuable branches of in-

interest is a fruitful source of comment by the press of the country, and legislation by Congress is being attempted to remedy the avert the calamity of war; and a war, evil. Before the war the American mercan- too, waged against a religious tenet, tile marine was second only to that of which ought, if possible, to be avoided.

PREPARATIONS FOR A WAR WITH

The House of Representatives has done one of the worst possible things by British companies are on the alert and are the bassage of what is known as "Cullom's Bill," which, under pretense of ness, and indifference of the capital and suppressing polygamy in Utah, is designed to bring on a war with the Mormons in that Territory. At this time, when the opening of the Pacific Railroad and the march of emigration westward, together with the divisions among the Mormon leaders, were promising the speedy breaking up of the im-posture, nothing could draw them together better than this bill. It will cement them by the cry of persecution. "The bloed of the martyrs is the seed of the Church" is an axiom which has always proved correct in all ages. We are as The Inman, which has been running fif- much opposed to polygamy as any person can possibly be. We regard it as an offense against morality, against society, against nature, and so regarding it we protest against this bill as a proceedtional Steam Company, to a fleet of eight ing which, however it may benefit war is adding four new steamers with an ag- contractors, who will fleece the people by a Utah expedition, will accomplish no good end, but, on the contrary, will with five steamers, with an aggregate of strengthen the institution it is pretendedly designed to abolish .- Cincinnati Daily Enquirer.

THE WONDERS OF A WATCH.

There are very few of the many who or of the extraordinary and unceasing From Liverpool to the South American labor it performs, and how astonishingly well it bears up and does its duty under what would be considered very shabby treatment in almost any other machinery. There are many who think a watch ought to run and keep good time for years without even a drop of oil, who would not think of running a common piece of machinery a day without oil, the wheels of which do but a fraction of the service. We were forcibly struck with this thought the other day, upon hearing a person remark that, by way of gratifying his curiosity, he had made a calculation of the revomake in a day and a year. The result of this calculation is as suggestive as it is interesting. For example: the main wheel makes 4 revolutions in 24 hours, or 1,460 in a year; the second, or center,



"The Revolution declares that 70 courtesans were recently taken from New York to Washington, to influence legislation on the Pacific railroad subsidy, and that \$25,000 was sent to the keepers of infamous houses in Washington, who were to coerce, by threatened exposure, votes on the Indian appropriation bill."

Coming from such a source there is no reason to doubt the above statement, astounding as it appears, and it is plain to be seen that the ladies have only to bring their powers to bear, and they can as easily affect legislation on woman suffrage as on railway subsidies. It may be that an influence of this kind has already been exerted, for the telegrams, the other day, brought the tidings that a member of Congress had moved a 16th amendment to the Constitution, conferring the suffrage on citizens of the United States regardless of sex, color, or previous condition. This once passed, and it is certain to be, for the ladies are determined, and all must admit that the Constitution of the United States will be one of the most perfect bills of rights ever designed by the ingenuity of man.

THE press has recently given currency to a rumor that Mr. John Bright, the great English statesman, was in favor of restoring Gibraltar to Spain. | The story is very improbable, as the fortress is probably the strongest in the world, and though of no particular use to its present possessors, "John Bull" does not readily relinquish anything of which he once gains possession. The following sketch of the history of

this famous fortress may be interesting:

"This little promontory, only three miles in length by six furlongs in breadth, Prof. GEO. CARELESS occupies a very commanding position and master.-Philadelphia Press. is the key to the Mediterranean. To the ancients it was one of the pillars of Her-Sale of Tickets to commence on FRIDAY, ancients it was one of the pillars of Her-eules; Ceuta, on the opposite African coast, being the other. Early in the eighth century a Saraconic chief, named Tarif ebu Zarca, fastified it in a military manner, and from him it was called Gebit Tarif, THE POLYGAMY QUESTION. ifth CEA SHITTANS THATAS The bill abolishing polygamy in Utah, (or Hill of Tarif.) of which Gibraltar is a corruption. Ever since it has been a strong military fortress, held by successive mas-ters—Saracenic, African, and Spanish. In the seventeenth century it was considered **IMPORTANT TO MINERS** ters-Saracenic, African, and Spanish. In the seventeenth century it was considered THE finest stock of WAGON TIMBER, and MATERIAL ever imported to this City; also, material for Fifty BUGGY and COMMON SLEIGHS, BOB SLEIGHS, RUNNERS and formed and brand the women with dis- wooDHULL BROTHERS, of Little Cottonas impregnable, but in 1794 a combined Dutch and British fleet captured it, and it has been retained by England ever since. Out of pride only England retains Gib-Red, Yellow and Black colors, grace and bastardize the children. It wood have opened an office at the In unequeled variety and excellence, seems to us that a law preventing the, contraction of polygamous marriages in Elephant Store BHOES. A portion will be sold at a small ad-vance for each down. Terms, pay on delivery of work, without deviation. J. C. LITTLE, Agent for Co-operative Manufactory Dec. 29th, 1898. d32-1f FULL DOUBLE ROSES I Several colors, well rooted on their own roots. 50 cents each. raltar. It yields a revenue of \$150,000 a the future, and presenting to the people of Utah the alternative of either emi-Stips For the purchase of grating from that Territory within, say, three years, or of compliance with the law, would either induce them to give up the permicious practice, or to sacri-fice their homes. If they are so wedded 500,000 a year. LEAD AND SILVER ORES Every available point bristles with artil-lery; the mountain is honey-combed with Spring Horses, Carriages, Peran-bulators, Velocipedes, CELEBRATED. TREES! TREES! TREES! lery; the mountain is honey-combed with galleries and bomb-proof; steep escarpes bar all approach, and batteries hewn in solid stone frown down from all sides. Still it is of no actual use to Great Britain. In 1860 England is estimated to have spent not less than £30,000,000 sterling. Of course she will expect remuneration for this, and will hardly surrender it otherwise, as she has nothing to fear from impotent Spain. UCUNDA STRAWBERRY For which they will pay the highest price in CASH. HAVE for sale Apple, Plum, Peach and Apricot trees, from one to four years old from the bud. English Ourrants and Gooseber-ries. A large variety of Double Roses, also Mul-berry, Balm of Gilesd and Poplar trees. All sinds of pay taken, at the Farmer's Nur-sery, Sixth Ward, four blocks south of the Hail-way Depot. THOMAS FENTON, d85-tw w5-3 Proprietor to polygamy that they are ready to emigrate to Mexico or some other coun-Rocking Horses, Propellers, Ores to be delivered in the city in lots of not less than ten ions. Samples for examination and asky will be promptly attended to, and further information obtained by applying to John Cunnington, Elephant Store, Sait Lake CABS, SLEIGHS, Mtc., 1001 0160 cents per Boz. PLANTS, try, they show a devotion to a bad cause which ought to command respect. a und A neat and superb variety. A nest and superb variety. WAREBOOKS-65 Malden Lane, (Or, William St.) Mensylactory-57, 89, 91 & 95 Mangin Street, NEW YORK. The alternative presented, if time were afforded for a thorough discussion, might induce a majority to vote in favor Near Union Square, Salt Lake City. di00-t m 7 Reference-Measurs. Cronyn & Perris, S. L. City. WOODHULL BROS. d114-1m

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dustry in the country.

Apparently weary of wielding the Vice President's scepter, Schuyler Colfax has slipped out of the honored chair to a lower seat, and a Senator occupies his place. If a public man ONE NIGHT ONLY! wants to be buried alive, he can accomplish it by getting himself elected heirapparent to the Executive. The Vice President of the United States never has a chance to read his name in the newspapers, and by the time his four years are up the dear public have for- THE SALT LAKE THEATRE gotten him. Oh, the horror of riding the topmost wave of popularity, and then suddenly finding onesalf plumped out of sight, actually buried under a mountain of greatness. If the Presi-dent would only die. But who ever knew a President to commit suicide, though he is perfectly aware that another man has been actually prepared to take his place, and that the people of this country will not suffer for the want of a President? The actual reason why the great body of American women are against woman suffrage is because they frar that some time in the course of their natural lives they will be called on to act as Vice President. Schuyler Colfax was seen reading a newspaper at the foot of his throne, and if he gets any comfort out of his position it must consist in holding the gavel suspended over the heads of the shining lights of the country. And yet there is no chance of bringing these Senators to our order as in the case of the unruly members of the House. The Senators are always in order; there is no chance of enjoyment for Schuyler Colfax except to crawl out of his seat and read a newspaper. And what does he find in that newspaper? Oh, sorrow and consternation! Dawes is ravishing

the East with economical delights, and Logan is cleansing the Augean stables of the House in which iniquity has herded ever since the Republic began. There are two positions which are alike, so far as the country is concerned, the Vice Presidency of the Uni-ted States and that of a country school-

