

ELECTORAL REPORT.

Interest has again in the past few days been awakened in the manner of voting for President and Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Morton is not a man after our own heart. He is an artful, scheming demagogue, a bitter enemy of our section, and in no sense of the word, is he a statesman.

This plan proposes to abolish the present Electoral College with its cumbersome machinery and illusive pretension to maintaining the equilibrium of the States in national elections.

It is claimed that this mode will be more likely to effect an election in complicated canvasses by the people, and avoid the necessity of going to the House of Representatives.

The system of electing a President needs reform. Under the primitive republic, with its virtuous politics and strictly republican character, there was no necessity for a better system.

But things have all undergone a change since then. Consolidation, the product of hate and corruption, more than any growing need of change, on account of increase of wealth, territory and population, has supplanted the simpler and purer forms of our Government.

Gradually the system has undergone change from the intention of the founders of the Constitution. They intended, it is evident, that the people should select electors who could be trusted to cast the electoral vote for a suitable person without a direct expression of preference by the people themselves.

But this is not all. Men in politics chosen to represent the people's wishes might be immaculate, and still there would be a possibility of the system working adversely to the intention of its originators.

Suppose we explain the principle by an example. Mr. Greeley had been elected in November last and had died before the votes were counted in the several State capitals.

But there is a greater danger even than this: The Constitution says that the President of the Senate, in presence of the Senate and the House of Representatives, shall open all certificates of election, and the votes shall then be counted.

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Under this rule, the objection of a single member to the counting of a vote necessitates a withdrawal of the Senate from the joint session, and a separate consideration by both Houses of the objection.

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The English Liberals, so the dispatches of yesterday say, have lost another seat in Parliament, East Staffordshire going Conservative.

Mr. Coffinberry has bought part of the Peoria, Ill., Review. Ominous name. He may cause you to review your present opinion, or better, bury it.

That properly named idiosyncrasy of churchy Brooklyn, Rev. De Witt Tallmadge, will send up a book of "Sky Rocket Sermons" ere long.

Louise Chandler Moulton, the critic, weighs 160. Critically and physically considered, though, the literary Louise is not Mountin.

Lately two mysterious fires occurred at Woodland, Yolo county, and no one could account for the origin of either until the last fire, a man named Edward Nickerson delivered himself up to the police and voluntarily confessed himself the author of both.

A Man Murdered by His Brother. Daisy Bruze killed his brother, Dan Bruze, near Hazelwood, Alexander County, on Thursday night.

Newport, Rhode Island, with a population of 13,000, claims real estate to the value of \$17,654,000, and personal property valued at \$3,833,000, making a total of \$21,487,000.

THE OIL BARGE FIRE.

Particulars of the Great Oil Fire on Long Island.

The New York World gives the following graphic account of the great conflagration of oil warehouses and tank boats at Hunter's Point, Long Island, on Tuesday:

Tuesday afternoon, shortly after two o'clock, the inhabitants of Long Island City were startled by a terrible explosion, which could be heard for miles around.

The fire was caused by Captain Meyers lighting his pipe and carelessly throwing the match away, which came in contact with the gas of his tank boat.

The barge adjoining, and two tank boats filled with crude oil instantly caught fire. The wind blowing from the north and spread the flames from the burning vessels to the dock, and in a few moments the warehouses of the Standard Company were on fire.

FLAMES ENCLOSED EVERYTHING in their grasp, and the sight was grand and terrible when the second block of stored barrels of oil caught fire.

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LITERARY AND DRAMATIC.

George Eliot's favorite writing time is 6 to 9 A. M.

The minor works of the late Mr. Grote, including several unpublished papers, are to be published in London.

Rev. William F. P. Noble will publish "Centennial Biography: Men of Mark in the Great Republic, 1776-1876."

We are promised a new grand international magazine in this country next season, and "Tom Brown" Hughes is promised as a frequent contributor.

Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Scarlet Letter" is being dramatized by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, of Boston, for Anna Dickinson to star the country in next season.

D. DeVivo will be, next season, the manager of the Salvini Dramatic Company, business agent of Mr. Tamberlick, and also connected with the Aimee Opera Bouffe.

Max Maretzek's Italian Opera Company, after the three weeks' season at the Grand Opera House, New York, will appear on the 27th of October, for two weeks, at Boston; on the 10th of November at Cincinnati; on the 17th at Chicago for two weeks; and thence to St. Louis, where, after a week's engagement, the company leaves for Havana for a season of six weeks.

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