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According to scriptural chronology, the world is about 5,900 years old, the theory most generally accepted being that the creation occurred 4,004 years before the beginning of the Christian era. Professors Haynes and Hillpracht, of the University of Pennsylvania, who have been conducting excavations in the ruins of the East, have recently made discoveries which seem to prove a high state of civilization 7,000 years before the birth of Christ. Large numbers of stone tablets have been found in Nipur, the buried city of the Euphrates, which carry back human written history nearly 3,000 years further than any records heretofore known. Prof. S. A. Binion, an eminent archaeologist and Egyptologist, a member of the Biblical Archaeological Society of London, says: "Not a doubt has been expressed as to the correctness of the dates of the tablets taken from prehistoric Nipur and which have just been deciphered. Assyrian chronology up to the time of Sargon is not so much beset with obstacles as the Egyptian. Their scribes put down the dates, counting the years from the accession of various rulers. The day of the month and the year are invariably given on these tablets, and as their months are lunar, bearing the same names and exactly corresponding to the present Jewish calendar, it is within easy reach of the chronologist." Nipur is upon the very spot where the Garden of Eden is thought to have been situated and a few miles from the Tower of Babel. The ruins from which the tablets were excavated are under more than thirty-six feet of earth, upon the top of which were ruins of the ancient city of Nipur, regarded by archaeologists as one of the oldest known. Both of these cities, one under the other, had the same name, although they were separated by more than 5,000 years of time.

Mr. Klutz's speech at Metropolitan Hall last night was a clear and able presentation of the Democratic platform. There are few speakers in the State who are superior to Mr. Klutz as a stump orator.

Richmond has recently made a report of its experiment in the way of municipal gas works. It is claimed that the citizens have been supplied with gas at 25 per cent less than is paid in New York. The actual cost of manufacture was 70 cents per thousand feet.

It is taken to be an evidence of returning good sense and creditable patriotic feeling that even the wealthy and fashionable women of Newport's colony have applauded Miss Vanderbilt's (now Mrs. Whitney's) choice of an American for a husband and the first word of adverse criticism from these arbiters of fashion on her not having bought with her present and prospective millions at least an English baronet has yet to be heard. With the European market of titles open to her, this worthy daughter of a worthy sire bestowed her affection and her fortune upon

a manly American youth. Her example ought to be, and doubtless will prove to be, salutary, and is commended to the attention of the numerous ambitious American society matrons, who are now trotting their daughters through Europe or grooming them at home for a prospective European trip, with the idea and desire of purchasing titled husbands for them.

It is estimated that the population of Kansas is fully 100,000 less now than it was when the census of 1890 was taken, and the exodus continues. A large part of the State is a semi-arid region and utterly unreliable for agricultural purposes. Crops there have been almost a total failure in two of the last five years. Thousands of Kansas farmers moved last year to more favorable regions and thousands more are preparing to leave. Georgia has received quite a large number of settlers from Kansas. Some of them have joined the Fitzgerald colony and are so well pleased that they will induce many of their former neighbors to join them. Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi have also received many colonists from Kansas in the last five years, and generally they are prospering.

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