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ANTHONY vs. DEMIS.

The discussion on Female Suffrage between Susan B. Anthony and Hon. H. Demis came off according to announcement at Hornellville on the 19th inst. The weather looked threatening in the afternoon, but turned out quite pleasant, towards 8 o'clock, the time set for the opening of the debate, and at the hour appointed there was present a large and very respectable audience, with the people still coming in rapidly.

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THE CIVIL SERVICE.

We took occasion last week to set forth some thoughts concerning the civil service, in need of reform, and the obstacles in the way of reform. This is a subject which should be fully and freely ventilated. By the press of the country, in order that the public mind may be informed and aroused, and, if it must be, members of Congress shamed or forced into compliance with the requirements of justice, common sense, and the interests of the people, by effecting a thorough, radical reform of the civil service.

The present civil service system of this country is a copy of the old aristocratic system that formerly prevailed in Europe, but has generally given way to a much better, more sensible, more efficient and honest system. We would propose a very radical reform of Congress (the last of the old system of old-time European aristocracy, except the selfish reason that they obtain and retain their seats in a certain extent through the efforts of the class through they fight into their Government offices. Were they to reform the civil service, they would put out of their hands one of the strongest means they now possess to gain re-election.

And so, for the sake of furthering the schemes of innumerable Congressmen, our country must be carried with the wheels of the machinery, the most dishonest class of men in the country ever known. We know of men in the civil service who are notorious for the number and magnitude of their venality, swindling operations. And still against the wishes of the people, and to the damage of the country's interests, they are doggedly retained in office.

The civil service ought to be open to the poor equally with the rich; but unless a man has an abundance of money or rich friends to help him, he stands but a slim chance for getting an office of value in it, at present. Nor is a man in the civil service assured of an honor which is the greatest of the country, but rather with a sharp eye to his pecuniary interest, the Government, which is the personal interest of the Congressman, who holds the sword that may at any time fall with a devastating stroke. Again we say, these things are a foul shame and wrong, which ought to be remedied. Will members of Congress do their country a good service, and get to themselves honor, by removing this poisonous evil?

In order to relieve the moral distress of the faithful domestics of the New York City Government, the Rochester Chronicle favors a division of the civil service into two classes, one for the city, and another for the State, Delaware, Georgia and Columbia, and south of Sullivan, Ulster and Dutchess, and erect them into a new State, then let them strip themselves to death if they choose. We are disposed to favor the plan—more especially the "stripping" part.

A report is going the rounds that a warrant has been issued for the arrest of J. C. Fremont and others, who are connected with the Memphis and El Paso Railroad scheme, whereby the French charge them with selling the authorized bonds to French bankers under false representations.

The New York Standard has had a long and interesting article on the Hon. Mr. Demis, in which it says that he is a man of much ability, and was listened to with marked attention throughout. He spoke quite eloquently, and showed very clearly that without adequate physical force to render them effective, laws would fall powerless to the ground. He made it quite plain that men with their superior physical energy could enforce the laws they made, which women certainly could not do, and then presented to our minds an amusing picture of a female government without a police force or any army to execute the laws they had enacted. He next rather wittily depicted the results in social life, if women had the franchise, and entered on an even footing with men, into the work of planning political campaigns. He spoke eloquently of the pernicious results that would follow from the workings of Ambition and an insatiable desire for office, upon the female mind, and quoted with happy effect from the soliloquy of Lady Macbeth when ambitiously scheming for the murder of King Duncan.

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CONGRESSIONAL EXCURSION.

The largest and most distinguished excursion of the season, representing the Executive, Congressional, Judicial, Military, and Civil branches of the Government, accompanied by a large number of ladies and civilians, left the city last Saturday morning on the steamer "Lady of the Lake" for a trip down the historic Potomac to Maryland. The excursion was given by prominent representative and business men of the city, and every description of the excursion agency in prospecting it is highly endorsed as it is of our by plan. It had the effect of bringing into more intimate communion the members of Congress with our leading business men, with whose interests, as well as those of the city at large, they are so intimately connected.

When this bill was last up for consideration Mr. Demis, in a speech, can banking for, in Paris, made a statement to the committee in support of funding the debt into a four per cent. bond, expressing the opinion that such a bond with principal and interest exempt from taxation and payable in gold, would meet with a large investment in Europe. No action as yet has been taken upon it.

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