

NOTICE.

Agents will please take notice that it is a great task upon us to pay express charges upon small items, and they will confer a great favor by resubmitting to us through money orders or registered letters.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President is out with the usual annual tribute to parliamentary procedure and printer's ink, and his partisan friends are claiming for the effort the usual amount of exceptional ability and executive statesmanship.

The stereotyped gratitude to Almighty God for peace and plenty is followed by the stereotyped consideration of every side issue under the sun, with not even one faint allusion to the disgraceful fact that one-half of the citizens of the so-called Republic are held in political bondage to an aristocracy of sex, enduring taxation without representation, and being governed without consent.

His Excellency treats exhaustively of finance, holding strictly to the opinion of the moneyed men all over the world that the United States government is not strong enough to make and stamp its own money; and the rest of the world must rule that gold shall be the legal tender throughout our borders.

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THE COMING MAN.

Who is he? and where is he? Since the death of the great martyr, Lincoln, the country has been in a state of trepidation because of its want of a leader.

Within the past two decades the older men of brains and power, who were once identified, with leading national topics, have died or been legislated out of public position.

We will remember a conversation we held with Colonel E. D. Baker in Lafayette, a short time prior to his election to the United States Senate in Oregon.

At this he leaned forward in his chair, and looking up in a manner peculiar to him when thoroughly in earnest, he exclaimed, "Just so soon as this negro question [then the paramount one] is settled, and the nation is tranquil again, I intend, if my life is spared, to do what I can to secure for woman all the civil and political privileges that men enjoy."

Ab, how little we then thought that after the lapse of years, when Colonel Baker had long since been stricken down by the demon of oppression, who had always been his deadliest foe, that it would devolve upon our feeble self to chronicle the above immortal utterance and send it forth on the sea of journalism to greet ten thousand eyes, and fill a thousand hearts with thrills of longing for liberty.

But who is the coming man? In all America surely there is one upon whom the mantle of statesmanship like this must fall. And the man, young or old, who will dare to lead the van in this great principle of justice in the United States Senate is the coming man.

As for me, said Baker, I dare not, I will not be false to freedom. I will walk beneath her banner. I will glory in her strength. I have seen her in history struck down on a hundred fields of battle.

Exchanges inform us that Don Pedro has found matters in Brazil rather contrary to his liking since his return from his little trip around the world.

Miss Inez White, of Delaware, Ohio, who graduated with distinction in the class of '75, at the Ohio Wesleyan Women's College, is now following a classical course in the Wesleyan University.

The House Judiciary Committee has directed Ben Butler to report a bill allowing women to practice before the United States courts.

IS IT RIGHT?

Not a thousand miles from Portland lives a woman who has been for over thirty years a careful, industrious, and provident wife and mother.

"When I got my money I'll visit my married daughter in the old home," said the orthodox wife, in tones tremulous with joy.

"That is just what I propose to do," was the spirited rejoinder.

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"But I haven't a dollar I can call mine, nor never have had, since I married you," said the wife, tremulously.

"Yes, you say that now, but once let you get a taste of gadding, and you'll never be at home any more while that money lasts."

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"YOURS TRULY" ON POLITICS.

For months Yours Truly has not penned a single sentence. He's been so very busy ever since her marriage that, what with managing Jim, taking care of mother, and keeping the governor away from Democratic drinks, she's had enough to do to drive a less sensibly balanced woman of the period.

You remember the apartments Jim fitted up for Yours Truly, Mrs. D. J. Well, you ought to have seen them after they were furnished.

"That electoral commission was a grand give-away game, from beginning to end," he declared, giving his gouty foot a sudden twist by way of emphasis, that set him to howling with rage and pain in a manner that would have filled Yours Truly with consternation, only she's used to it.

"Then, get your money if you can," responded the woman's Bill Sykes of a protector.

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RECENT EVENTS.

The first steady rainfall of the year in Arizona occurred December 13th.

The coal companies have advanced the price of coal from thirty to fifty cents.

The Inter-Ocean's Washington special says: "There is strong feeling in the Cabinet favoring recognition of Diaz. It will probably be decided on shortly."

The President and Mrs. Hayes have accepted an invitation of the Union League Club, tendering them a public reception on the evening of the 21st of December.

The Times' Washington special says: "No more nominations will probably be sent in to the Senate until the holidays are passed, unless absolutely necessary for public interest."

Recent quartz developments in British Columbia are attracting the attention of mining men in San Francisco, and strong companies will soon be formed to operate in the province.

The sub-committee of the House committee on elections have concluded hearing the arguments in the Louisiana, Massachusetts, and California contests, but will not report them to the full committee until after the holiday recess.

A conference was held on the night of December 8th, with closed doors, in the Senate end of the Capitol, by Senators, Representatives, and popular leaders, favorable to the greenback movement.

There was a railroad meeting at Pendleton on Saturday, December 1st. Legislative steps were taken to incorporate a company with a capital stock of \$100,000.

While men have been slow to adopt compulsory education, even in New England, the Italian Parliament has voted in favor of it, and all children up to the age of nine years, at least, must thereafter attend the public schools, unless it can be shown that they are receiving an equivalent education at home, or in private schools, or are in feeble health.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Plevna has surrendered unconditionally.

The Carlist General Lisaraga died in Rome December 10th.

The news of the fall of Plevna occasions great rejoicing in St. Petersburg.

The Turkish Council of State has decided to appoint three Christian governors of provinces.

The Czar has given notice of his intention to return to St. Petersburg between December 31 and January 5th.

Officially announced Russian loss between November 10th and the 17th was 3,153 men. Total loss since the commencement of the war, 74,858.

The Times urges that the moment has now arrived when peace between Russia and Turkey is possible, and it is to be hoped the British government will use all efforts to that effect.

Intelligence received from Elena is that operations between that place and Tirnova are suspended, because of bad weather. Great preparations are being made to defend Elena in case the Russians attempt to recapture it.

The Agie Russ makes the following announcement: "Osman Pasha attempted to break through in the direction of Widdin. He was attacked in front and rear and was compelled to lay down his arms after a glorious struggle, in which he was seriously wounded. All with one voice praise his conduct."

War advices from Constantinople relate that the Sultan recently had a dream, that a prophet appeared and made known to him that Allah has desired for the death of no more Russians, the sword of Giam (?) may now be sheathed, and the residue of the Giazour may be pardoned, and peace may again bless the land.

NEWS ITEMS.

Many improvements are being made in Albany.

Jose Shepard is entertaining the Walls Walla people.

A \$776 at Seattle recently imported 500 gold fish from Honolulu.

A boom at Corvallis broke on Sunday and let out about 2,000 saw logs.

There has been over 400,000 bushels of wheat sold and stored in Salem since harvest.

The Spokane country is highly spoken of, and settlers are going there in large numbers.

There will probably be 5,000 acres of brush land grabbed by Chinamen in Marion county this winter.

The East Oregonian says that persons are trying to start a living in that section of the country by jumping other people's land.

The Tacoma Herald says that Dunfield, who tried to destroy his family at Seattle, was "crazed by financial disappointments and bad whiskey."

Damage to bridges at Salem by Sunday's rain was about one thousand dollars. Part of the stockpile of the Portland city was washed away. The creeks about the city were higher than ever before noted.

The Lewiston Teller says: "The people north of Lewiston all with one accord clamor for annexation to Washington. The game may be said of all the people of the county, save perhaps a corporator's guard."

In Independence (Polk county) recently a young German tried to kill a daughter of William Kays because she declined to listen to his addresses.

The Old Fellows' celebration at Salem Thursday evening of last week was a complete success. About 300 persons were present. After the excellent programme had been rendered, the floor was cleared, and dancing indulged in to a late hour.

Speaking of what is needed in the mail line on the Sound, the Intelligencer says: "A daily mail from Olympia to Port Townsend, calling at Stillecom, Tacoma, Seattle, Madison, Gamble, and Ludlow; also a tri-weekly mail from Port Townsend to Victoria, and whenever the department will give suitable compensation for that sort of service, then the business community will have mails carried as they should be—and not before."

Within the last three weeks four new lodges of Good Templars have been organized in the Willamette Valley, viz.: Sparkling Lodge at Ames Chapel, with twenty-two members; by Special Deputy Samuel Tucker, of Beaverton; Dashaway Lodge at Salem, with sixty-four members; Jefferson Lodge at Jefferson, with forty-six members; and Baker's Creek Lodge near Salem, with thirty members. The last three named were organized by G. W. C. T., W. H. Dunbar.

WORK FOR EVERYBODY.

Circulate petitions for a 16th Amendment, to enfranchise the women, not of one State alone, but of all the States and Territories. Woman's right to a voice in the government under which she lives is a natural right, and must be guaranteed to her by the Federal Constitution. Now is our time to knock at the doors of Congress and plant this right deep in the fundamental law of the land.

Petitions for a Sixteenth Amendment, for woman's enfranchisement, from 10,000 United States citizens, from twenty-two States, have been presented in open House and Senate by 31 Representatives and 29 Senators since January 18, 1877. The friends of Woman Suffrage in both houses, who intend to advocate the Amendment in the new Congress, desire its friends to sustain them by mammoth petitions from every quarter. Circulate this petition through the autumn and winter up to January 20, 1878. Obtain the names of all who have signed similar petitions to the present Congress, and as many more as possible. Head the petitions with such well-known names as you wish to have appear in the Congressional Record. Fill the blanks for State, town, and county, that members may refer to their own districts in presenting petitions. Have all the names signed plainly with ink on two copies of the petition, one for the House, and one for the Senate. Ask each signer to remit at least two cents to the Treasurer of the National Woman Suffrage Association, Mrs. Ellen E. Sargent, No. 1,232 De Sales street, Washington, D. C., to defray expenses of classification for presentation to the 45th Congress. Every name received before December 1, 1877, will be classified with its appropriate State and county petitions, and presented by the appropriate Representative and Senator. Send with the petition name and post office address of each one who obtains signatures, so the officers may know the workers.

Cut this out, and paste it at the head of a sheet of paper and go to work. Put the names of men on the right, and women on the left of your petition, and trace every name carefully in ink:

PETITION FOR WOMAN SUFFRAGE. To the Senate and House of Representatives, in Congress assembled:—The undersigned, citizens of the United States, residents of the State of _____, county of _____, town of _____, earnestly pray your honorable body to adopt measures for so amending the Constitution as to prohibit the several States from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex.

LECTURE.—The lecture given by Mrs. F. A. Logan in the court-house on Sunday afternoon and Monday evening, was attended by very large audiences, and resulted in organizing a temperance society of 120 members, presided over and conducted by the ladies. Gentlemen may become honorary members and have the privilege of participating in all the deliberations, and have the right of voice, but in no case shall be eligible to office.—Spokane Guard.