

VALEDICTORY.

With this issue, terminates the existence of the Oregon Statesman, the oldest newspaper but one in the State.

Already the dim twilight is brightening into perfect day—the germs of expectation have blossomed into full and fragrant beauty—and the sewer of generous soul is drifting out upon that shadowy and mysterious sea, where all things earthly are swallowed up forever.

The project of conducting the STATESMAN along the golden mean of conservatism has been contemplated with dumb indifference by the able and idolatrous democracy, and most savagely slashed at by the ever watchful heretics.

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"MEDIO TUTISSIMUS IBIS."

There is a fable in the ancient mythology, that Helios "the sun-god," in order to convince his son, Phaethon, that he was really his sire, inausurably swore by the Styx to grant him any favor he might ask; whereupon the ambitious youth immediately demanded the privilege of driving the chariot of the Sun for a single day.

We relate this story for the sake of the wholesome lesson it teaches, and not on account of any intrinsic merit or beauty.

The fact that the middle course is the safest, is a fundamental principle in all human action, and its force must be recognized in statesmanship and diplomacy as well as in philosophy.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—The Congressional committee appointed for the investigation of matters connected with the New Orleans riot, has required Mayor Monroe to furnish the names of all the policemen and city officials on duty at that time.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The overwhelming vote of the Senate today to take up the Nebraska bill, settles the question of her admission as a State at an early day.

The bill regulating suffrage in the District of Columbia passed the House today—117 to 46. The Supreme Court to-day overruled the motion of Sherwood, Hamilton and others, of Texas to reargue the test oath question.

New York, Dec. 15.—Washington special dispatches say that a majority of Congress is in favor of an early sale of the Government gold.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Senate Finance Committee will devote the Christmas recess to the preparation of a tariff bill.

Colorado and Nebraska will have to exchange the word "white" from their Constitutions, to "red."

Leading colored men here contemplate a mass meeting to rejoice over the passage of the Suffrage bill.

One hundred and seventy-five patents will be issued by the patent office for the week ending Dec. 15.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Remonstrances are crowding upon the Secretary of the Treasury against the proposed discharge of female clerks; but the Secretary adheres, and applicants to fill vacancies are numerous.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Bostwell's gold bill hangs fire in the committee. The Western members generally express themselves opposed to the present rate of contraction.

Conservative Senators to-day admit that the people will sustain the most extensive radical measures against the South. They are to be dealt with in Congress in March.

On November 21st, the Indian Department advertised for bids for what goods are required for the Indian tribes, and the time for receiving proposals expired on the 21st.

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New York, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from New Orleans states that an effort is being made to secure a charter for a railroad from that place to Sacramento, California.

The Herald's Washington special says Col. Stover, who has recently returned to that city from Salt Lake City, reports that many outrages are being perpetrated on the Gentiles by Mormons.

The Senate amendment to the Deficiency Bill, striking out the \$45,000 subsidy to the Telegraph Company, was withdrawn by the House yesterday.

The Herald's Montreal special says two British gunboats left Quebec last night, having received orders from the Government to act as convoy to the Cunard steamers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—A bridge remains unopened here by the ice. The bridge was closed yesterday by the ice.

New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Lieut. Gen. Sherman arrived here today, and will probably proceed at once to St. Louis without great delay.

Washington, Dec. 20.—There is no doubt that a contest has been held between the Representatives of South Carolina and Republican members of Congress, respecting the admission of South Carolina on the basis of the Constitutional amendment.

The Victor passed the swell of the flood between Chicago and St. Louis yesterday.

The new wing of the Levee Commission in the American river near Rabel's Tavern, was yesterday carried away by the freshet.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Messrs. Holden, Poole and Taylor, North Carolina Unionists, have left for home. They say the bill to form a new State Government has a good chance of passing.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Col. Montgomery furnished the Government with an account of affairs in the disaffected counties, where the militia are being employed to suppress the bushwhackers.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Henderson having received a dispatch to-day from Gov. Fletcher, saying that a large number of U. S. troops had been ordered into that State about his recommendation or knowledge, he immediately offered a resolution calling upon the President to know why said troops were thus dispatched.

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New York, Dec. 15.—A special to the Herald says a third explosion took place at Oak Hills on Dec. 13th. There is no longer any hope for saving those in the pit.

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