

News.

An effort is being made in Michigan to have the Upper Peninsula detached from the State, and erected into a separate State or Territorial government.

It is said that Caleb Cushing has been sent to Bogota fully authorized by the U. S. Government to guarantee one million dollars for the building of a ship canal across the Isthmus.

A call for a convention of women's rights and colored men, has been issued for the middle of the present month, at Washington.

Gen. Longstreet publishes a long letter, ridiculing the idea that Grant is a Democrat, and declaring that Grant's antecedents clearly mark him a national man, and as such he gives his adhesion to the party whose basis is Union, and the influence of his administration will be used to its complete and perfect restoration. He tells the Southern people that all that is required for perfect peace, is their hearty co-operation in Congressional reconstruction.

The Washington street tunnel, under the river dividing the city of Chicago, is finished, and is to be formally opened January 1st.

Deneas has been re-elected President of Salvador.

An attempt to overthrow the Provisional Government of Costa Rica has been discovered. Its author, Gen. Salez, has been called on to resign the office of Commander-in-Chief.

Letters from Montevideo state that President Lopez is prepared to accord full satisfaction to the United States for the wrongs suffered by American citizens. The allies were surprised in an advance on Ascension, and lost one hundred prisoners.

**THE CHILIAN EXPOSITION.**—An Exposition of South American productions and industry will be opened at Valparaiso in April next. It is said that articles from Oregon and California sent there for exhibition will gladly be received, and California papers urge that it be done, and that competent persons be sent from the Pacific States, to make observations and report upon South American industry. The Chileans possess a good degree of skill in mining, and in the reduction of some descriptions of ores are much more successful and realize much handsomer profits than do our miners. "They have new amalgamation processes of merit," says a California exchange, "that we do not hear of, except from limited personal sources. They have undergone, long since, the raw mining and metallurgical experiences in which North American miners and capitalists delight to flounder, and to which ninety-five per cent. succumb, from want of existing knowledge or experience in that which they are undertaking to do. They are utilizing the chemicals of their alkali plains, and furnishing the world with the principal ingredient to make powder. They have commenced building their railroad over the Andes."

**NEW EDITOR.**—Since the retray of the man "who received a fair education in his youth" from the editorship of the *Herald*, it has been "boarded round," as the *Oregonian* has it, among its friends. It is announced now that an editor has been secured—Mr. C. B. Belinger, formerly editor of the *Arena*, published at Salem, and now a member of the Legislature from Benton county. It is said he will take his seat on the slat-bottomed chair with the commencement of the present year.

The outside Land Commission of Supervisors, San Francisco, have been awarded twenty-one hundred dollars each, by Judge McKinstry. It will be remembered that they petitioned His Honor for \$10,000 each for their labors on the commission.

**A CHRISTMAS GIFT.**—At a S. S. Festival of Grace Church, San Francisco, a snug little box was found attached to the Christmas tree, directed to the pastor, Rev. James Bush. The box on being opened was found to contain fifty twenty-dollar gold pieces, fresh from the mint—a voluntary gift from the members of his congregation.

Christmas seems to have been more generally celebrated throughout the Eastern cities than ever before known. In Chicago business was entirely suspended, and the streets presented more than a Sabbath stillness.

The Mexican Congress has been petitioned to abolish the death penalty; and to create a bank of hypothecates; and for the construction of a railroad from the capital of Oaxaca to the Pacific ocean.

**PUB. DOCS.**—To Senator Corbett we are indebted for Congressional documents.

Letter From Dimmycrat Ann Spooks.

CANADA, (which is in the Forks of the Santiam), State of Oregon, Dec. 23d, 1868.

Mr. Editor:

Sir:—I am ant two the illustrious Petroleum Verdigris Nasby; but though I am his ant, I am proud too say that I was never know NEVER born a Whig! It is absolutely sole-cheerin, two the hart of a Dimmycrat two here the many touchin' stories I can tell of the daze of hour ants-sisters. When the blood of the new-born nation which the Whigs called a Federal Union was gushin' out its infancy; when the Whigs inflamed that blood to fever-heat buy Revolution which plunged the striplin into war; when Washington at the head of the Federal army was leadin' everything two victory, my ants-sisters proved to the world that there's was Dimmycratic blood. The Whigs stigmatized them as Tories there, even as there descendants, the Black Republicans, would now brand hour suns as Copperheads.

My brother, the lamented father of the illustrious Petroleum Verdigris, was never born a Whig. True, he was unfortunate in his marriage relation; havin' bin' chosen buy a woman who always voted him on the Whig tickets; and who would have voted him last November against the Secmore and Blare ticket, strait on two Black Republican perdition, if he hadn't bin mercy too his family seen fit two kick the bucket and save us the disgrace.

Petroleum don't do his family justice. He lays awl his Dimmoeracy two his dread of nigger equality, women's writes, taxation, and the like. He needn't. Dimmoeracy's inn his blood. It was badly adulterated buy his unfortunate relation to an Abolition mother, but Dimmycratic invigorator is a mitey ant-I-dote two such adulterations; and, though we never could (owin to that unfortunate relation) quite obliterate his natural propensity for seein' and talkin' of things so that people can see 'em as they air, we as a family have long bin content two leave his Dimmoeracy in the care of Bascom and his whisksy.

I no, Mr. Editor, yew wood have shed tears by the quart over my unhappy state of mind if yew had had the pleasure of my distinguished acquaintance during the dark and bloody daze of the late dark and bloody Abolition crusade.

Iawlweighs was literary; *awlweighs*. I have never believed women had political writes any more than niggers; and hear-too-four, when awl the mite of my giant intellect has been stirred buy Dimmycratic troubles; (and unna but the faithful can no the depth of them) when defeat coiled itself around hour trailing banners; when Joe Lane hid himself; when Vallandigham ran away two Canada; (knot Canada which is inn the Forks of Santiam, butt 'otther place. This one's named for 'otther because its bin a rendezvous for Dimmycratic refugees); when Lee surrendered and Jefferson Davis, our idle-cysed and how-maine Precedent, was surprised inn the pleasant occupation of tryin' on his wife's female riggins; when Abolition ghoul's surrounded and made him prisoner of war; even under awl these try-alls, I held my piece and kept the allotted place of a woman; that is two say, I supported my family, raised my own and my husband's toe-back-ows, and knit socks two sell for hour whisksy, while Jedediah Spooks (that's my husband) voted Dimmycratic (strait. But the late disastrous defeat has row'ed me, sir! I shan't keep still if I am a woman! Black Republicans, bec-wear! A Dimmycratic woman is aroused this time, and yew shall tremble! I'll tell the truth, even as I understand it, feelin' that its a sin to longer hyde the brilliancy of my class-sick intellect behind the big and burly shad-ows of my drunk old man!

This effort has exhausted me! I meant two tell yew in this letter something about hour efforts hear in Canada two see-cure a Dimmycratic Precedent; butt indignant nature can stand know more. Next weak you'll hear from me again. Bee patient.

Your distinguished correspondent, DIMMYCRAT ANN SPOOKS, which is Ant to the illustrious Pastor Petroleum Verdigris Nasby.

Under the head of "Political Personal," a California exchange says: John Conness is a candidate for Secretary of the Interior. He has the support of Ben Wade. John B. Felton, Gov. Woods of Oregon, Eugene L. Sullivan, John Bidwell and Senator Cole are also spoken of as candidates for the position.

Latest advices from Hayti state that Jacomet was still besieged. December 9th the garrison repulsed the pickets, both parties sustaining heavy losses. The revolutionists are constantly fortifying the interior.

Small pox is afflicting the citizens of Jacksonville. On the 24th, Joseph Martin of that place died with the dread disease. A new case was reported the same evening.

Telegraphic Summary.

Memphis (Tenn.) dates to the 24th of December report a number of murders and outrages in many parts of that State. In Haywood county a negro violated a lady approaching her period of confinement. A negro and white man who were being taken to jail, were seized and hung by a mob near Dresden. A negro woman dug holes in the ground, and placing her children in them, lighted fires over them, and actually burned them to death. She gave as her reason for the terrible deed, when arrested, that they would not obey her, so she concluded to kill them. Many other murders are reported.

As regards granting subsidies to another Pacific railroad, Grant is reported to have expressed the opinion that we should make the best possible use of our present resources without increasing the burden of our debts by urging expensive risks. At the same time he gave his opinion that there should be an extra session of the 41st Congress, as during the short term there would be barely time to pass appropriations. The New York *Tribune* coincides with the opinion expressed by Grant, and says that the nation will give him its whole support—let economy be the word and the country will respond.

The New York *Sun* insists that E. B. Washburne will be a member of Grant's Cabinet, as Secretary of the Interior.

Andy Johnson issued his amnesty proclamation on the 25th of December, 1868. It reads as follows:

WHEREAS, The authorities of Federal Government having been re-established in all States and Territories within the jurisdiction of the United States, it is believed that such reservations and exceptions as stated in said proclamations which were deemed necessary and proper may now be relinquished; that universal amnesty for participation in said rebellion, extended to all, will renew fully and restore confidence and fraternal feeling among the whole people, and their respect for and attachment to the National Government, designed by its patriotic founders for general good:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Andrew Johnson, President, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, proclaim and declare unconditionally and without reservation, to all and every person who directly or indirectly participated in the late insurrection or rebellion, full pardon and amnesty for the offence of treason against the United States, or adhering to their enemies during the war, with the rights and privileges and amenities under the Constitution and law which have been made in pursuance thereof. In testimony whereof, etc.

The full pardon and amnesty includes Jeff Davis, Breckenridge, Thompson, Slidell, and all others who directly or indirectly engaged in the late rebellion.

On Dec. 25th, at the house of John McDonald, Philadelphia, (Pa.) the family went to sleep in a room with a coal fire in the stove. Gas escaped into the room and the whole family were suffocated. One of the daughters is dead and another is not expected to recover.

On the same day the chair factory of Crayman & Co., 118 North Front street, was destroyed by fire—loss heavy. Several firemen injured by falling ladders.

Inspector General Ayers left New Orleans on the 22d Dec., to examine into and report upon the condition of affairs in Kansas.

George Francis Train arrived in New York on the 24th December.

Gabriel Martin and two maiden sisters, residing in Columbia county, Georgia, were murdered and robbed on the night of Dec. 17th. The house was set on fire and the bodies consumed. Suspicion rests on some negroes in the neighborhood.

Minister Webb and ex-Minister Washburne arrived in New York from Rio on the 23d ult.

At the billiard match in Chicago, Dec. 23d, Foley again defeated Trawley, champion of Ohio—1000 to 655.

In a street encounter at St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 23d, between Green and Oterly, two prominent lawyers, the latter shot and killed the former.

Several outrages had been committed by masked Ku-Kluxers in Evansville, Indiana.

St. John's Episcopal Church, at Waterbury, (Conn.) was destroyed by fire on the 25th of Dec. Loss, \$100,000.

A desperate fight occurred on Christmas Eve, at Newark, (N. J.) between negroes and Germans. Lights were extinguished and a greater part of the fight took place in the dark. Several persons badly injured.

Rev. Father Duane, one of the oldest and most popular Catholic priests in the North-west, died in Chicago on the 24th.

Mrs. Augusta Dickens, wife of the brother of Chas. Dickens, died in Chicago, Dec. 26, from an over dose of morphine, taken while under aberration of mind. She leaves three children.

A fire at Lynn, (Mass.) on the 23th,

destroyed property to the amount of \$300,000, and threw 600 persons out of employment.

New York, Dec. 28.—In Lafayette, New York, a widow named White, just before her death, sent for some fellow-members of the M. E. Church and confessed to them on her dying bed that about eleven years ago she poisoned her infant child; about a year afterwards she poisoned her husband's father; later still, when her husband returned from the army, she also administered to him a fatal poison. The woman had always borne a good character, being a member of the Methodist Church. The only reason of her making this confession, was to relieve her conscience of this load of crime. She was perfectly sane at the time of her death.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 27.—The Supreme Court of Georgia has sustained the decision of the Lower Court, which held that the condition of a note for borrowed Confederate money was a good and valid one.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—Two freight trains on the Hannibal and St. Jo. Railroad, collided near Chillicothe on Thursday morning, instantly killing both engineers and firemen. The engines were completely smashed up and the cars burned. It is stated that the body of a young lady was found in the wreck burned to a crisp from the waist up. A train on the Iron Mountain Railroad was thrown from the track just below Jefferson Barracks yesterday morning. One car containing twenty-four passengers, was precipitated down an embankment, making two complete revolutions. Nearly every person inside was injured, some severely but none fatally.

General Sully sent a detachment of cavalry from Fort Harker on the 21st to scout the upper valleys of the Salmon, Republican and Saline rivers, it having been reported that Indians had been recently seen there. Sully thinks that Sheridan will return from the campaign within thirty days.

WHITE PINE.—The *Independent* publishes the following extract from a letter written by a former Stocktonian to his father in that place, who has got "a good thing" in the way of silver mines at Treasure Hill, Nevada. The letter bears date December 21st, 1868:

"The good mines here are held all the way from \$3,000 to \$75,000. Mr. O. is a watchman on the Eberhardt, and gets \$20 per day. I visited the mine last night. It is an immense mass of silver ore, as massive as the copper ore in the Union claim (Copperopolis) was, and did the proprietors desire they could immediately take out as much silver ore as the former has copper ore, that will assay \$1,000 per ton. There must inevitably be a big rush here from all parts of the United States, as the mines are proving richer every day. The Central Pacific Railroad in a month will be within ninety miles of this locality. The snow has nearly disappeared, and the weather is clear and cool." Accompanying the letter were two silver bars—one weighing 4.80 ounces, valued at \$8.30, and the other 18 ounces, of .855 fineness, and worth \$19.80, the latter taken from ten pounds of rock, both the product of mines at White Pine possessed by the writer, who is in a fair way to become a millionaire.

A LITTLE ADVICE.—When the colored members of the Georgia Legislature were kicked out, one of them made a farewell speech. Here is an extract:

The gentleman had a good deal to say about social equality—mixing up of the races, amalgamation, I believe he called it. Now, sir, we colored men don't want to mix up with the white men; we all like our own color best, and if these men that talk so much about the inferiority of the race, and of mixing up with the "nigger," will let our colored women alone, we won't have so many ring-streaked and speckled people among us. We want the white men to mind their own business, and not come sneaking around our women at night, or any other time, for unlawful purposes. Now, Mr. Speaker, we are a law-abiding people, and if I ain't here according to law I want to know it right away, so as to go home and go to work. I thank the House for hearing me. I haven't anything more to say.

LOYAL DEMOCRATS READ.—The *Caucasian*, a Democratic paper printed at Chico, says:

On Tuesday evening we were honored by a visit from Mr. Eugene Semple, Portland, Oregon. He was on his way to San Francisco to purchase material for a first class newspaper, to be established at Portland. Mr. S. is a man of education and a secessionist, the best proof that he is a true Democrat.

How do loyal Democrats like the situation? By a parity of reasoning, a Democrat, who is not a secessionist, is, of course a Republican.

MARRIED.—Hon. O. N. Denny, of Wasco county, Oregon, was united in marriage to Mrs. Gertrude J. White of Vancouver, W. T., on the 23d of December, 1868. We congratulate the Judge on his good luck, but are sorry to learn that he intends leaving Webfoot for a permanent residence in California. Whoever he goes may kind fortune smile on him and his.

Secretary Seward has negotiated forty-nine, or nearly one-fourth of all the treaties and Conventions our Government has entered into.

A double headed calf is said to be on exhibition in Portland.

NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Louisa Muhlbach is so poor that she has requested the German publishers who have become rich by selling her writings, to give her money enough to buy a small house and garden.

Rev. Humphrey Moore, of Milford, N. H., celebrated his 90th birthday last week, and expects to see several more.

For the best painting or sculpture sent to the annual exhibition at Milan, Prince Humbert offers an annual prize of 4,000 francs.

Prince Louis, of Hesse, wants to be divorced from Queen's Victoria's second daughter, but not from the salary she brought him.

Dr. McCash remarked that Princeton College needed a gymnasium so Robt. Bonner and Mr. Masquand, a New York banker each contributed \$10,000 to procure one.

When last heard from (in December, 1857,) Dr. Livingston, was "all well" in Cazenabe's country, in Marunga.

In Providence, on Wednesday of last week, Governor Burnside entertained baker's dozen members of the Union Club, of New York, who represented \$200,000,000.

New York is to be Janauscheck's future home.

The Pope daily recites a special, infellectual prayer for the re-establishment of order (Bourbonism) in Spain.

Senor Marfori's portrait is the lion of the Paris Boulevards. He began life as an actor, and while impersonating a knightly warrior, won Isabella's admiration.

M. Arnold, editor of a French satirical journal, has been muled in 300f. for publishing, unauthorized, three caricatures.

Rev. Dr. Bellows denounces plauchette. The dethroned Hanoverian King thinks of resuming his seat in the British House of Lords as a Prince of the blood royal.

In South Australia kangaroos are so numerous as to starve the sheep.

A Russian has invented a flying machine.

Prussia meditates abolishing capital punishment.

Before the election all the Copperhead papers charged that Grant aspired to be President to play the despot. They now prophesy that he will be a conservative, and finally a Democrat. Are these the initial steps toward a despot? Quite likely, and Grant is in as fair a way of one as the other.

The *Oregonian* says that on last Saturday the ocean steamer *Continental* had a narrow escape from fire. A case of waterproof goods, stored in her hold, spontaneously "combusted," but the fire was discovered in time to prevent a disaster.

Beriah Brown announces that he is about to start a new paper in Salem as soon as the material can be obtained from San Francisco.

The famous Eberhardt mine, White Pine District, was discovered and located on the 3d of January, 1868, by F. E. Eberhardt, whose share in its untold wealth consists mainly, if not wholly, in its bearing his name.

John A. Surratt wore his Papal Zucro costume at a recent tournament in Virginia, and his sister Anna was crowned "Queen of Love and Beauty" at a similar exhibition, a few days before.

In Oakland, an undertaker has opened coffin warerooms between two saloons on the supposition that both will be able to furnish him with a lucrative business.

The Pottawatomie Indians, located west of Lawrence, Kansas, were paid off a few days ago. They received about \$700 apiece; over four hundred thousand dollars in all.

There was a man on the Grand Register of Santa Clara county, California, who had the moral courage to put himself down as a bummer.

Small-pox is on the increase at Virginia City. Eight yellow flags were raised on the 8th inst.

Camila Urse is to fiddle six months in California for \$14,000, commencing February first, 1869.

One entire end of the Bicevort Hotel building, San Francisco, has been taken down in consequence of injuries by the late earthquake.

Dan. Gelwicks, State Printer, of the *Placerville Democrat*, has become proprietor of the *Stockton Gazette*. Politics, semi-civilized rebel.

A man named Rowland shot and killed his partner, on Whidby's Island, W. T., on the 24th. Both men were in liquor. Rowland is in jail at Port Townsend.

The grand jury organized by the Mexican Congress for the trial of Mejia and Romero, pronounced the former not guilty; the case of the latter has not yet been decided.

The *Chicago Tribune* boasts that there is not a specimen of the genius "loafer"—that is, of the street-corner variety—in all of that city. Everybody, it says, is doing something for himself or the general good. The city of Chicago, is too active and restless to permit of the existence of street-corner loafers.

The Superintendent of the San Francisco Merchants' Exchange has addressed us a circular in which he informs us that residents outside of San Francisco are entitled to free admission, and to all the reading room and other privileges of the institution.

A boy at Virginia City, six years of age, has been sent to the city prison to prevent him from firing buildings. He has a mania for the incendiary business.

It is said that General Grant is likely, in his first message, to advocate such an amendment of the Constitution as shall make the President ineligible to re-election. We failed to find such a recommendation in any of A. Johnson's messages.

To the great relief of Copperhead papers, General Howard has issued an order, dated November 17th, in accordance with the Act of Congress of July 25, 1868, discontinuing the Freedmen's Bureau from after the 21st ult., excepting the educational department and the collection and payment of money due soldiers and sailors.

Mrs. Wm. Duke, of Macon county, Alabama, hung herself last week on account of discord with her husband. They were married last year at the ages respectively of 18 and 17. She suspended herself from one of the joists of the house, and when cut down her little babe lay tranquilly sleeping in a cradle near her feet.

Mr. Seymour, in response to the remark of a brother Democrat, to the effect that the Radicals had probably achieved a sweeping victory, said: "Well, sir, the Democracy cannot hold me responsible. I repeatedly and persistently declined the nomination.

The Virginia Union of the 9th instant says: Last Sunday H. Knox, proprietor of a hotel in Wadsworth, shot and killed an Indian who had been beating his (Knox's) wife. Verdict of the citizens—served him right.

On the 9th instant, near Stockton, a daughter of Mr. Robinson, aged 11 years, started to her father who was burning stubble in the field, and while approaching him her dress took fire and she burned almost to a crisp.

The Adams House, on Sacramento street, San Francisco, was partially burned, Dec. 27th.

NEW TO-DAY.

Attention!

FARMERS! MILL MEN!

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THE ALBANY LARD OIL FACTORY has resumed operations, and is prepared to furnish

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MCCORD & GEORGE.

Albany, Jan. 2d, 1869-17

Firmen's Attention!

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of Fire Company No. 1, of Albany, will be held at the Court House on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1869, at 9 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any business that may come before the meeting.

By order of the President, J. L. COWAN.

A. N. ANKOLD, Sec.

Albany, Jan. 2d, 1869.

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NOTICE. The Stockholders in the Linn County Agricultural Association are notified that their next annual election for a Board of seven Directors will be held at the Court House in Albany, on the 1st Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1869, at 1 o'clock P. M. JAMES ELKINS, Secy.

Dec. 26, 1868-7.