

Democratic Retrenchment and Reform.

The New York Tribune has been on the trail of the Tammany politicians, and as it progresses in its investigations concerning the thieving operations of the Ring, it prints them. It finds that the leading men, who were very poor a few years ago, have suddenly acquired immense wealth; and this wealth has been acquired out of offices the legitimate emoluments of which would barely afford them a comfortable support.

A bill is now under consideration before the Wisconsin Legislature, which is not without positive merit, and must commend itself to the thoughtful consideration of law makers. It provides that whenever eleven jurors, impaneled to try any criminal case or civil action, shall agree upon a verdict, such agreement, duly announced in Court, shall be taken and held to be the verdict of the whole jury.

MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.—Portland papers give an account of the meeting of Mexican war veterans residing in that city, on the evening of March 27th. The following named gentlemen were present: Capt. E. Hamilton, 1st Regiment O. V., Major Tilton of the Ohio Volunteers, James H. Lappeps, private in Stevenson's California regiment, Wm. Groom, 10th Regular, J. H. Egan, sailor on the frigate Potomac, Daniel O'Regan, 1st Lieutenant 1st Massachusetts Regiment, H. J. Tucker, Co. H., Arkansas Cavalry, John D. Yates, private in Stevenson's California regiment, Thomas McGowan, 14th Infantry, John Kearney, Co. K, 9th Infantry, Robert Burr, 20th Illinois Volunteers, Vic Treovit, 24 Ohio Volunteers and 2d Mounted Rifles, W. E. Clark, Quartermaster's Department, A. J. Oliver, Subler, T. P. Farley, Co. B, Stevenson's volunteers, Wm. Watson, of the frigate Savannah, T. E. Tigham, 2d Mounted Rifles, W. W. Sheild, orderly Sergeant 1st Massachusetts, John E. Miller, Donovan Regiment Missouri Volunteers.

The "Oregon Branch of Associated Veterans of the Mexican War" was the name adopted by the Association, and the following named gentlemen elected as officers: President, Gen. E. S. R. Canby; Vice President, Gen. E. Hamilton; Secretary, Lloyd Brooks; Corresponding Secretary, Vic Treovit; Treasurer, J. H. Lappeps. The officers elect were appointed a committee to report upon the adoption of a constitution and by-laws, report to be presented at a meeting to be held Saturday evening, April 1st.

The bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis (Mo.) is to be completed this year at a cost of \$5,000,000. Thirteen railroads now terminate on the Illinois shore opposite St. Louis, all of which will cross their trains over the bridge. The trains will traverse a tunnel, nearly a mile long, that leads to the great central depot in the heart of the city. On an area of about twenty miles, St. Louis has 312,000 inhabitants, while Chicago has 297,718 on 841 square miles. St. Louis is clearly destined to be quite a city.

The Joint High Commission now in session at Washington City, will conclude its labors in a few weeks, and assurance is given that there will be an equitable settlement of matters under discussion. It is this should be the case the President will send the treaty to the Senate if it remains in session.

The Litigant War.

The passage of the thieving litigant act by the last Oregon Legislature is producing its legitimate results. It was passed by the Democratic majority for the special benefit of Democratic organs—it compelled the people of Oregon, regardless of party predilection, to patronize Democratic journals selected by Gov. Grover as "litigant organs," at rates often much greater than those required by journals equally if not better known and responsible. Yet it seems that one of these same Democratic journals was not satisfied with this distribution of spoils, but must needs claim the lion's share, to the detriment of co-laborers in the Democratic truck patch.

The claims of the State Printer, under the litigant law, were most preposterous and unfair. He not only secured Multnomah, the best county in the State, and with which he ought, under the circumstances, to have been satisfied, but he pressed his claims for Washington (a county the Enterprise ought to have had), Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, Yamhill, Umatilla and Grant, and we have heard that he made an effort to get Coos, Curry and Josephine also.

Now, we will say in conclusion, that if Mr. Patterson must save all the law by the most rigorous construction in his favor, to wit: the "triple blank work," required for the use of the State Printer, he shall cease to carry work away from the Capital and divide the profits with Pagans. We are in earnest about this matter.

THE DARIEN SHIP CANAL.—A correspondent of the New York Tribune writing from the headquarters of the Darien Ship Canal expedition, under date of February 26th, gives some very interesting details of the progress made up to that time. He concludes: To sum up what has been and what is to be done by the expedition, it may be stated that there have been found on the Atlantic and Pacific slopes two points to which ships may be carried.

The determination beyond a doubt that the Darien Ship Canal is feasible, rendering unnecessary the long detour via Cape Horn, is a more important victory for commerce and civilization than any other accomplished fact of the century. The London Times and other influential journals have constantly ridiculed the idea of the feasibility of such a canal, but science will ultimately, we believe, dissipate all doubts, and prove what patience, perseverance and intelligent American industry can accomplish.

We have received the prospectus of a new paper, to be published by Messrs. U. E. Hicks and S. W. Ravelay, at East Portland, to be entitled the Democratic Era. We have known Urban for a number of years; know him to be a first class printer and a "good boy," as the world goes, who will print a neat, readable paper. There is a clear field for a sound Democratic journal in that section of the State, and the Era will doubtless fill the bill.

Late telegrams say that President Grant will send the report of the San Domingo Commission to Congress soon. He does not recommend immediate action upon it, but wants the report to be read by the people, that they may form a just judgment.

Bill Tweed, alias "Big Six," the great Tammany Sackem of New York, has purchased the lease of the Metropolitan Hotel of that city. It remains to be seen whether he can run a hotel as successfully as the Democratic party of that State.

The Free Trade Question.

Each and every year upwards of three hundred millions of dollars must be raised in these United States for the support of the General Government. There are two ways of raising this revenue—the first, by duties upon imports and exports, the mode uniformly adopted since the formation of the Government, and the second by direct taxation, the only alternative if the first be abandoned. Under the operation of our present laws, when dutiable goods are brought into the United States, the party importing such goods pays the amount of the duty imposed into the Treasury, and in this way the revenue is raised. Whenever the present laws are repealed and free trade is inaugurated, foreign goods of any character will be permitted to enter free of duty, and of course, to raise the \$300,000,000 revenue necessary to "run" the Government, direct taxation must be resorted to. Then our people would begin to fully appreciate the glorious benefits so much prated of by our advocates of free trade.

A sad event occurred here last Saturday. A few weeks ago a man came down here from North Bend. He brought with him \$225, a "White Hall" boat, shot-gun, and a few other items. He went into O'Conner's saloon and commenced drinking, and kept it up till the day of his death, which occurred last Saturday. In less than a week his money and property had fallen into the hands of O'Conner, who then went and notified the Sheriff that the county must take care of the poor wretch. By this time he was afflicted with delirium tremens. The sheriff took charge of him, but left him in care of O'Conner. He lived two weeks after this. Last Saturday he died, and was buried Saturday evening at the expense of the county. O'Conner now brings in a bill of fifty dollars against the county, for taking care of his victim two weeks. He took the man's money, and property, and caused his death, and yet, as greedy as the grave, clamors for more. But as long as a government, that claims to be civilized, will license men to carry on such business, such conduct must be expected and tolerated. W. D. N.

In 1815, after the overthrow of Napoleon, the allied powers exacted from France an indemnity of \$307,000,000, of which a little more than half was the expense of the war occasioned by Napoleon's return from Elba, and the remainder as part payment for the contributions which the French troops had levied during previous wars. This sum, Alison, the historian, calls "probably the greatest money payment ever exacted from any one nation since the beginning of the world." As security for payment an army of 150,000, under the command of the Duke of Wellington, was put in possession of sixteen of the principal fortresses of France, for a period of not less than three nor more than five years. France paid off the debt in three years, besides giving \$50,000,000 extra to be relieved from the presence of foreign troops on her soil.

The new German Empire will have a population of 38,500,033, exclusive of Alsace and Lorraine, which will give it 1,638,546 more, a total of 40,148,209. This is the largest of any State of Europe, except Russia. The figures of the various States are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Country and Population. Includes European Russia, German Empire, Prussia, France, Austria-Hungary, Mosarry, Great Britain and Ireland, Italy, and Rome.

A CURIOUS PLEBISCITE.—The Liberal, a paper of Lyons, printed before the conclusion of the terms of peace the following curious proposition for a plebiscite: The French nation is summoned to answer yes or no to this project of decree:

- First.—The French nation, crushed but not conquered by the Prussian forces, refuses to sign a peace with the barbarous invaders of the country;
Second.—The French nation gives itself to the Government of the Republic of the United States at Washington.
Third.—The Government of the United States, if the preceding is accepted, will immediately take possession of the territory of France, with its limits as they were on the 9th of July, 1870;
Fourth.—France will form an integral portion of the Republic of the United States, under the name of the United States of Europe, and will be governed by the same Constitution and the same laws, with the changes rendered necessary by difference of religion and of customs;
Fifth.—Up to the time when the United States take possession of the French territory, France binds herself to continue the struggle a outrance against the Prussian forces.

The New York Herald closes a long article on the Grant-Sumner controversy, thus: Finally, upon this direct issue between President and Senator, the Republican party of the Senate must stick to the President. Otherwise the whole operation becomes demoralized, and a scrub race for the succession is inevitable. How else can it be if the head of the party is snubbed and Sumner is supported as a pugner? General Grant, educated as a soldier, is a disciplinarian even as a politician. So was General Jackson.

The Statesman says that coyotes are troubling sheep in the vicinity of Salem. The steamer Pacific on her last trip brought thirty-three cashmere goats.

Our Southern Oregon Correspondence.

EMPIRE CITY, March 21, 1871. The little steamer Argo, which plies on the Bay and its tributaries, was seized by a United States officer, for violation of law. It seems that she had, without a license, been carrying passengers. Her owner, Capt. Clough, has gone to Portland to try to get her released. Hope he may succeed, as his all is invested in the boat, and he has a family depending on his earnings. Besides, the boat was a great convenience to this part of the country, as she made daily trips to North Bend and Marshfield, and weekly trips up the various tributaries of the Bay. Though she was not licensed, there are many mitigating circumstances in her case.

The tug Escort, while trying to get out to bring in a vessel, a few days ago, stuck on the bar and knocked off about six feet of her false keel. This occurred in consequence of the stormy weather, causing the channel to close about up. When I wrote you last, I supposed the storm was over; but it has continued to rage, with short intervals, ever since. The last week was the most stormy of the season. No vessel has gone out for six weeks, more than a dozen are now lying in the Bay, ready for sea. The tugs can bring them in when they can not take them out, on account of their being more lightly loaded when coming in.

A recent Texas letter to the Colorado paper, dated at Austin, gives the prices of cattle down there as follows: Beef cattle \$12, cows \$7, yearlings \$2, hogs \$10, good ponies from \$15 to \$30. The other day, while the Legislative Committee were walking through the wards of the Lunatic Asylum of Rhode Island, one of the female patients, after looking curiously at the group, said: "Well, I declare, if there ain't the animals from Noah's ark!"

The census of Great Britain is about to be taken, and instructions and forms have been distributed through the kingdom, so that the officers may be ready to ascertain the number of inhabitants and persons residing in each house on April 3d. The superintendent has placed out the country into 38,000 enumeration districts, and are now appointing enumerators. The Stockton (Cal.) Republican says that the first section of ten miles beyond Peters on the Stockton and Copperopolis Railroad is nearly graded. It is expected the road will be in running order twenty four miles from this city, within forty days from this time.

The most beautiful girl in the United States lives near Lincoln, Ill. Her hair is of that peculiar hue that a field of ripe wheat throws toward the setting sun. Her eyes send forth a light so effulgent and majestic that strangers become spell-bound under its influence and stand raptly gazing. Her cheeks bear a bloom like the sunny side of an early peach. A pearl would seem almost black beside her teeth. Her form is so graceful that men worship her before seeing her face. Her hands suggest the idea of waxen fingers tipped with vermillion. Her smile seems actually to illuminate her presence and when she laughs the listener fancies he hears sweet music in the distance.—Exchange.

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WEARDISE.—Prof. Herman, the renowned wizard, has been entertaining our citizens with his magic, ventriloquism, etc. The Professor is a clever gentleman and gives a good show.

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VARIOUS ITEMS.

It is proposed to remove the capital of Illinois from Springfield to Peoria. BIG-AMY.—Amy Richardson, of Iowa, weighs 352 pounds.

Prince Napoleon (Plon Plon) is applying for a divorce from his wife, the Princess Clotilde.

Sir Henry Bulwer, the diplomatist, has been elevated to the peerage, with the titles of Dalling and Bulwer.

The Boise City Statesman of March 21st states that Judge John R. McBride is to lecture on "Men that I have known."

Mr. Elijah Corbett, late of Oregon and California Stage Company, has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail between Monticello and Olympia, Washington Territory.

The Prædestig family, consisting of seven persons, were poisoned in Monterey county, California, a few days ago, by eating tomatoes which were thought to be poisonous. Three of the family, small girls, died; the others recovered.

A Washington special says there are three hundred and twenty-six defaulting Internal Revenue Collectors in the United States, the total amount of whose indebtedness foots up over \$200,000,000, six tenths of which is due from ten individuals.

Fanny Fern has reached the ripe age of three score, and is still hale and hearty, with more health, strength and buoyancy than half our girls possess now—a-days at twenty.

A veteran observer once declared that no one knew what envy and jealousy were until he had served in the army. The observer probably never belonged to a church choir.

The stimulating effect of quinine upon some persons is well known, but the most remarkable instance of it is that which William C. Bryant's finest efforts have been produced under the influence of quinine. He has become quite deaf from an inordinate use of this drug.

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