

A North Carolina paper in referring to the arrest of the Ku Klux, says: "White men are arrested by the hundreds, but it is impossible to secure a dozen negro outlaws." We are glad to hear that the morals of the negroes are so good down there.

"Reports of frauds and swindles and defalcations on the part of medical officials are becoming so frequent that they scarcely excite remark," says a Democratic exchange. They "scarcely excite a remark" because the great mass of them amount to no more than "reports," and everybody knows it. "That's what's the matter."

The Yale party in their recent geological surveys in this State, among the great variety of fossil remains discovered, including extinct species of rhinoceros, lion, mastodon, etc., found the remains of a three-toed horse, and a horse no larger than a yearling calf. It was well that party quit investigating when they did. A three-toed horse! Oh gravity!

A number of young ladies having applied for pageships in the California Legislature, the Chronicle thinks that as only boys have heretofore been permitted to consort with statesmen, and as the business of page is ticklish, the Solons had better stick to the boys.

A Democratic paper says that the "five great men of this country are under a cloud just now—Grant, Brigham Young, Boss Tweed, Jim Fisk and Don Piatt." It might add that they are all Democrats, except Grant, and nobody, save a Democrat, can see the cloud Grant is under. Gloomy, cloudsome eyes, can nought but clouds behold.

Henry Ward Beecher argues in favor of worms as an article of diet. The chestnut worm, says he, "lives upon the best and the richest; it never eats any unclean thing in its life; then why should we not eat it?" The worms in good time will probably find an article of diet in Mr. Beecher.

Root & Cady, one of the largest firms in the country dealing in music and musical instruments, lost in the recent Chicago fire property valued at \$260,000, on which there was an insurance of \$115,000, only \$60,000 of which they expect to recover, owing to the failure of insurance companies.

On Wednesday evening, at Oro Fino Theatre, Portland, Mrs. A. J. Duniway delivered a lecture on the subject of "Woman's Duties as Citizens." The lecture and lectress was well received, the Bulletin asserting that she possesses the proper qualifications to become a popular lectress.

From the following tabular comparison of losses by great fires in modern times, it will be seen that Chicago is entitled to all the laurels—it leads the destructive pile:

Table with 2 columns: City and Year, and Loss. Rows include Chicago, 1871 (\$200,000,000), London, 1666 (35,000,000), New York, 1835 (15,000,000), Portland, 1839 (10,000,000), Pittsburg, 1845 (10,000,000), New York, 1845 (6,000,000), San Francisco, 1841 (3,500,000), Charleston, 1868 (3,000,000), St. Louis, 1849 (3,000,000), Albany, 1838 (3,000,000).

A Nevada exchange, under the caption of "Another Aspect in Eureka," says: "Unsuspecting husband goes home—nymphomaniac wife statusquely seated on lap of 'curious impertinent'—tableau—pantomime—bear aspect rapidly disappearing through the rear door—grand finale—curtains and all things fall." Brevity is the soul of wit.

It is rumored in Washington Territory that Gov. Salomon and Judge Kennedy have tendered their resignations to the Department at Washington.

The advice of the San Francisco Chronicle to the members of the Legislature of California now in session is, "don't drink—it is the bane of legislation." In a letter recently published by Gov. Brown, of Missouri, the writer takes occasion to say that when he became Governor he determined not "to use anything in the shape of alcoholic drinks, so long as I may be charged with any administration of public affairs." He thus places himself above suspicion, and above even malignity. Taking this letter as a text, the Chronicle exhorts the members of the Legislature to "follow the example of Governor Brown, and at the conclusion of their labors our legislators will leave a record behind them of which they may be proud." The N. Y. Tribune thinks that a similar resolution made by all public men, with a reasonable assurance that it would not be broken, would go a great way toward increasing the confidence of the people in their servants. The effect in Washington at least would be at once magical and gratifying.

A brute of an Eastern editor remarks that the suffrage women "cling to the monsters who have tyrannized over them and beget like monsters to tyrannize in their turn." The suffrage women should effect such a change of base as would effectually cut off this supply of "monsters."

Massachusetts sends her best men to the Legislature. Among the gentlemen just elected to the House of Representatives from Boston are ex-Mayor Frederick W. Lincoln, Col. Mayor A. J. Wright, Moses Kimball and others of equal prominence, both on the score of personal character and past political services. Oregon might benefit herself by such practice.

"Passing through the Fire," is the title of the first piece of music issued by Messrs. Root & Cady, the great music house of Chicago, since the terrible fire in that city. It is a splendid piece of music.

It is reported that the German Government has resolved to occupy the districts occupied by its troops in France, if fresh outrages are committed by the French on German soldiers.

Russia is endeavoring to force, under the severest penalties, the Germans who reside in her Baltic provinces to speak the Russian dialect.

It is announced that ex-Governor Stanford's horse, at Sacramento, recently trotted three mile heats, all under 2.19, which, if true, stamps him as one of the fastest horses in the world.

"Ye have done it unto me" is the title of a new song and chorus, by Geo. F. Root, as an accompaniment to "Passing through the Fire," by the same gentleman.

On the 28th November the Herald Publishing Company, of Portland, filed articles of incorporation, Wilbur F. Connell, B. B. Taylor and Eugene Semple as corporators.

Governor B. Gratz Brown of Missouri indignantly denies that he is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors. Public men have more sins to answer for than they commit.

The Baker City Democrat wants some one to import a lot of onions into that market, as the place is destitute of them.

On the night of the 3d, a fire broke out in Warwick Castle, London, doing great damage.

One hundred and twenty-five school teachers were thrown out of employment by the Chicago fire.

During the week there were 233 deaths from small pox in Philadelphia.

Harpers' Weekly circulates 275,000 copies. The calfskin burned in Chicago was valued at \$1,500,000.

POLITICAL. The New York Star, one of the latest and strongest adherents of the Tammany Democracy, says that the Democratic party is dead and past resurrection.

The London Times expresses the sentiments of England on Grant as follows:

The interests of England and the United States are now so interwoven in commercial, and therefore, also in political matters, that the character of the American Executive is of no small importance to us, and we believe the general opinion to be that the States have never had a Government more straightforward and conciliatory than the present in its foreign policy, and more to be trusted by those whose commercial and financial interests are bound up with the maintenance of American credit. The firmness and moderation with which order has been restored, the economical skill with which the debt has been reduced, and the good will with which international controversies have been brought to a close, make us anticipate with satisfaction the election of General Grant to a second term of office.

It is said that Tammany, having stolen every thing else, are now trying to steal away.

The Benton Democrat recommends the organization of Democratic clubs, to which the Journal responds: Would it be more consistent for the Democracy to organize Republican clubs, when they are casting about for a Republican for a Presidential candidate?

The Boston Journal insists that Vice President Colfax should not decline a renomination if the National Convention shall see fit to tender it. If he shall persist, however, in declining, it thinks an Eastern man should be nominated.

The following, says the Missouri Democrat, may be taken as an official report of the results of the next Democratic National Convention, acting under advice of the Missouri Republican:

Whereas, * * * * * therefore be it Resolved, 1st, That the Democratic party of the United States in convention assembled, do hereby declare * * * * *

Resolved, 2d, That the Democratic party * * * * *

Resolved, 3d, That the Democratic party * * * * *

Resolved, 4th, That in the well known character of our gallant standard bearer for the Presidency, the Hon. * * * * * and our equally distinguished candidate for the Vice Presidency, the Hon. * * * * * the Democracy of the United States do hereby declare their unbounded confidence.

The convention then adjourned with three cheers for the ticket and the platform.

It is thought probable that the Iowa Legislature will evade a direct vote on the woman suffrage question, by giving the people an opportunity to vote upon the question of striking the word "male" from the State Constitution.

A New York paper says: "The short-necked, crop-haired, plug-ugly race of statesmen is greatly diminished in the vicinity of City Hall Park since the election.

The New York Tribune finds more to approve than to condemn in the Presidents' message. The Times says:

"We are much mistaken if the most exacting can find in it any recommendations or oversight on which to base serious complaint. It will strengthen the intelligent faith of the people in his sound sense and sympathy with the better feelings of the country."

The first twenty-five miles of the North Pacific Railroad leading out of Kalama, has been graded and the teams discharged.

The Washington Territory Legislature has adjourned. It gave Kalama a city charter.

A standing telegraph joke: "Tweed preparing for flight."

Democratic Opposition to Grover. In its last issue the Jacksonville Times, an independent, outspoken Democratic sheet, "goes for" Governor Grover in the old style, speaking very contemptuously of his "claims," and calling him "His Imbecility." Here are the several reasons given for its opposition to Grover's pretensions, which should be received as very fair, coming as they do from such good Democratic authority:

1st, it would elevate to the office of Secretary of State a young man wholly inexperienced to fill so arduous and responsible a position, but who is all well enough where he is; 2d, the Governor was elected for a term of four years, and an election is a civil contract, between the people on one side and the candidate on the other; so whenever Governor Grover's term is ended, it will be time enough to consider his Senatorial pretensions; 3d, because the Governor has, ever since his inauguration, unceasingly used the gubernatorial patronage as a stepping stone to the Senatorship, and all appointments coming from the Department of State have been made with that view. We are opposed to corruption of this character, for it is nothing less. * * * We are for any man outside of the Governor; let him serve out his term, and then it will be time enough to talk about the great non-committalist to Washington.

From the Oregonian we learn that R. A. Abbott and Albert Lamb, two of the persons to whom was awarded the contract for constructing the second section of the Northern Pacific Railroad, are reported to have left the city and State, clandestinely, leaving behind quite a number of unlucky creditors. The two men are said to have left Portland a few days ago for the purpose of going to Kalama, but instead of stopping at Kalama, they went to Astoria, where they took passage on the Ajax for San Francisco. Portland considers herself swindled to the amount of sixteen thousand dollars. Measures have been taken to have the absconding ones stopped at San Francisco.

The prize-fight between James Mace and Joseph Coburn, which came off at Montgomery Station, forty miles from New Orleans, on the 30th of November, was declared a "draw" by the referee, Capt. Rufe Hunt. The fight was prolonged four hours and ten minutes. Neither man was badly punished, and the fight, beyond the exhibition of some tolerable fair sparring, didn't amount to much as a fight.

The San Francisco Chronicle for the twelfth time in its history, has come out of a libel suit "not brought" by Edward W. Casey against the Chronicle for its criticism on his connection with the purchase and sale of Government positions at the Mare Island Navy Yard.

From the Pacific Tribune, of Olympia, we learn that the Legislature now in session has passed a bill relating to rights of persons and property as affected by marriage. The bill makes the marriage relation, as affecting real property, a limited copartnership. The Legislature has voted strongly against Woman Suffrage.

A little girl in New York recently celebrated her fourth birthday by attending Sabbath-School. When the recitations of the class were finished the teacher asked her if she could repeat some little verse she learned. She promptly replied she could, and astonished the class by the following:

Mary had a little lamb, She laid it on the shelf, Every time it wagged its tail You know how it is yourself.

21,990 acres of land was disposed of by the Olympia Land office during November.

Mrs. A. J. Duniway has mounted the lecture stump in Portland.

The apportionment bill of the Washington Territory Legislature was vetoed by Gov. Salomon, on the ground that it was not just and equal.

Marion, a station on the railroad between Salem and the Santiam, now has twenty-five houses.

The President's Message. The President's message has not yet been received, except that portion of it relating to the relations of the United States with Great Britain. That of itself, however, is insufficient to show to every candid, intelligent mind, that the President of the United States is not only a man of wisdom and sagacity, but also of truest patriotism. By his sagacity, the hostility of feeling which existed between our Government and that of Great Britain, has been allayed, and relations the most fraternal and kind have been substituted. Differences between the two Governments are now to be adjusted by arbitrations. The influence of this eminent wise treaty will not be circumscribed in its benefits to the circle of the two nations; but the principle of equity and brotherly kindness which runs through it like a bar of gold, and illuminates it all over like radiance from the sun, will be felt in every nation on this round green earth.

A New Feature in Legislation. J. J. H. Van Bokkelen has introduced a bill into the Legislature designed to put a stop to the pernicious practice of making games of chance a feature of church fairs, socials, &c. For the benefit of our readers we copy the entire bill, as introduced by him in the Washington Territory Legislature:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington, That any person or persons who shall organize and advertise any fair, tea-party or sociable for charitable purposes, at which a post office is held for the ostensible purpose of extorting money from the visitors thereto by selling to them bogus letters at a rate over and above the rates established by the United States Post-office laws and without United States stamps on same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars and costs of suit.

SEC. 2. That any person who shall be present at such a fair, tea-party or sociable, who shall entice the visitors thereto to violate the laws of the Territory against gambling by soliciting, urging and enticing them by smiles to take a chance in a grab-bag, wheel of fortune, lottery or purchase of articles at a price one hundred per cent. over the store prices in the town in which said raffle is held, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

SEC. 3. All cases arising under this act shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace of the precinct in which the offense was committed.

SEC. 4. All fines arising from the violation of this act shall be paid into the hands of the Territorial Treasurer, and shall be credited to a special fund for the purpose of defraying the burial expenses of all persons dying in the Territorial Insane Asylum.

SEC. 5. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Tell us not in idle jingle "marriage is an empty dream;" for the girl is dead that's single, and things are not what they seem. Life is real, life is earnest, single-blessedness a fib; "Man thou art, to man returneth" has been spoken of the rib. Not enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way, but to act that each to-morrow finds us nearer marriage-day. Life is long and youth is fleeting, and our hearts, though light and gay, still like pleasant drums are beating wedding marches all the day. In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, be not like dumb driven cattle—be a heroine—a wife! Trust no future, how'er pleasant; let the dead past bury its dead; act—act in the living present, hoping for the spouse ahead. Lives of married folks remind us we can live our lives as well, and departing leave behind us, such examples as will "tell"—such examples that another, wasting time in idle sport, a forlorn, unmarried brother, seeing, shall take part and court. Let us, then, be up and doing, with a heart on triumph set; still contriving, and pursuing, and each one a husband get.

Chas. Hayden, convicted at Jacksonville of larceny and sentenced for five years in the Penitentiary, has become insane and has been sent to the Asylum.

FOREIGN NEWS. The Prince of Wales, London, is no better of the typhoid fever. The Earl of Chesterfield died, December 1st, of typhoid fever. He contracted the disease at the same time and place as the prince.

The Brazilian difficulty with Germany is still pending—nothing but an apology and an indemnification will satisfy the Germans.

The Saxon Diet at Dresden was opened December 1st by the King, who, in a speech from the throne, congratulated the House on the prosperous condition of the Kingdom and declared in unequivocal terms his adhesion to the German Empire.

It is rumored in Spain that the United States and Great Britain are threatening intervention in Cuban affairs. Cabinet meetings were being held over it.

The Pope is opposed to all compromises with the rulers of Italy.

A final settlement of the United States funded loan was made in London, December 1st, without disturbing the money markets, the bonds closing higher than ever before, and the loan advancing to 90 1/2 gold, because the statement was anticipated. A portion of the loan was unsettled at the opening of the books to-day. Of the \$20,000,000, nearly \$15,000,000 was arranged in London, leaving less than \$6,000,000 undisposed of, with the continent to hear from. There is no doubt that the whole of the loan in European markets is taken.

Kossuth is reported to have issued a manifesto demanding the separation of Hungary from Austria. He desires the Magyars, Croats, Wallachians, Moldavians and Bulgarians, to establish a Danubian Confederacy.

MASONIC.—Jefferson Lodge, No. 33, F. and A. M., held in Jefferson, December 2d, 1871, elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year: J. A. Johnson, W. M.; John B. Looney, S. W.; W. M. Smith, J. W.; A. Smith, Treasurer; Jacob Conser, Secretary; J. Burnett, Tyler.

Thiers has made up his mind to oppose the admission of the Orleans Princes to the National Assembly.

A SUBTERRANEAN LAKE IN ILLINOIS.—The St. Louis Democrat gives publicity to the following: McGinness, living near the village of Loomis, in Sangamon county, Illinois, in sinking a well recently, came to a body of water which appears like a subterranean lake. A most remarkable feature about this strange body of water is that, almost ice cold, it is stirred by some hidden force, and boils and bubbles up to the light of several feet above the level when at rest, and that this commotion of the water occurs at regular intervals—an hour of rest, succeeded by an hour of bubbling, and so on, alternating from calm to troubled waters. A gentleman who reached here to-day from Loomis says that "its boiling and swelling make noises like the roar of the ocean or the Gulf of Mexico—and its pulsations, which occur every other hour, sound like the beat of a tenor drum, and the vibrations of the boiling water, shake the ground near by like the trembling of an earthquake. It appears to be a never-failing lake of waters and furnishes a splendid opportunity for meditation and scientific investigation rarely met with in this country."

FIRE-PROOF DRESSES.—A chemist of Vienna, it is reported, has succeeded in discovering a composition which will make even the slight material of ballet dancers' dresses fire-proof. The Prince of Lichtenstein has given this composition a first trial on the stage in his own palace, in the presence of a large company. The rise of the curtains discovered two fire-size dolls, dressed as ballet girls, to both of which a light was applied. One of the dolls was rapidly reduced to ashes, while the other, saturated with the protective composition escaped with a small hole burned through the dress. This experiment was so satisfactory that the Prince of Lichtenstein is having a wooden theatre erected outside of Vienna, for the purpose of making another trial of the fire-proof composition, with which the boards are to be saturated. If the building resists fire, the success will be accepted as final, and in that event the discoverer has an order to make the scenery of the Vienna City Theatre unflammable.

A GOOD REPLY.—The benevolent Dr. Wilson once discovered a clergyman at Bath who, he was informed, was sick, poor, and had a numerous family. In the evening he gave a friend fifty pounds, requesting he would deliver it in the most delicate manner, and from an unknown person. The friend replied: "I will wait upon him early in the morning." "You will oblige me by calling directly. Think, sir, of what importance a good night's rest may be to that poor man."