

Democracy, "Venerable, Honored, Compact, Parental."

A Democratic journal speaks of the Democratic party as "venerable in years, honored in tradition, compact in organization and parental in existence." Old father Democracy is indeed venerable. There was a time, long, long ago, when he was young and vigorous, and strong; but he departed from the faith of his fathers; he wasted his strength and substance in riotous living; he oppressed the weak; he trod upon the necks of the poor; he sowed the seeds of discord among brethren; he shed the blood of the innocent, like mighty rivers, in order to increase his power to oppress the helpless; he struck at the life of the nation, which had nourished him, and to whom he owed his very life and all of his prosperity; in this act of madness he loaded the nation with debt infirmities, and caused Rachels to mourn for their children because they were not, and the tears of the widows and the orphan to be shed in torrents over the graves of husbands and fathers, slain to appease his thirst for human bondage. These profligacies and crimes caused Democracy to grow prematurely old. His locks are white, now; his forehead and cheeks are corrugated with wrinkles; his eyes are nearly useless; his limbs are lank and fleshless, and he totters on a cane as he walks; memory seems to be almost gone, and his mind is very feeble and he "pipes in childish trebles." He is, indeed, a mere wreck of his former self—very "venerable"—very imbecile—incoherent in his toothless mumblings, and hardly accountable for his numerous "departures," so nearly is he like a dead man.

But this Democratic journal says that Democracy is "honored in tradition," as well as "venerable in years." Yes, tradition tells us, that away back in the early history of Democracy, he was innocent of any evil intention, though he might have erred in judgment; but evil influences and councils caused him to depart from original purity and fall into the grievous sins and crimes which we have indicated. Traditional honor is better than no honor at all; but how much better it would be to old father Democracy, if now, in his old age, he could look back over a life of consistent devotion to freedom and truth, and feel that the great heart of humanity delights to rise up and do him reverence now. But this can never be. Tradition says that in his infancy, he was a youth of good parts—his youthful intentions were good—but in subsequent years, he sowed many wild oats, many tares, and now, in his old age, he must reap the crop of dishonor and neglect which such sowing has produced.

But this journal says that Democracy is "compact in organization," as well as "honored in tradition," etc. Well, Democracy's organization was compact enough, until about 1856; there the sins of his earlier years began to tell on his "compact organization." He was a unit up to then, pretty near; but here he began to lose flesh and strength. His "organization" has never been sound since. He has gone down, down, until now he is loose jointed, and a mere wreck of his former "compactness." He has been afflicted with the "new departure" disease worse than ever. The old fellow has been almost disjointed and quartered by it. It has made him fretful and peevish, and he calles names and curses sometimes, and makes accusations which he cannot prove. O, he is not "compact" any more.

But this journal says that Democracy is "parental in existence." We suppose that is true, for it would be hard to sustain the rela-

tion of a parent out of existence. We suppose this journal intended to say that Democracy is still parental, because still in existence. We agree with the journal that old father Democracy still lives; but his infirmities are so numerous, that it seems impossible for him to survive long. The Missouri Republican yells in the old man's deaf ears to be "passive," and get well that way; but that journal might as well try to make a hole in water with its finger, as to prevent the childish old man from having his "departure" attacks, and every new one weakens him all the more. He is too old and feeble and childish, and his record is too bad for him to entertain the thoughts of ever becoming the father of a new family. Some of his children already believe him to be dead; and when he is entirely gone, and buried deep, freedom and justice and truth will breathe much easier.

Die in the Last Ditch.

The Oregon City Enterprise is down on the "passive" policy of the Missouri Republican, like a thousand of brick. It says that never since the New York World advised the Democratic party, just on the eve of the last Presidential election, to throw one of the regular nominees of the party overboard, has there been "so suicidal a policy recommended by any one outside of a mad-house," as the "no nominating" scheme of the Republican. We agree with the Enterprise, and think it is a most humiliating proposition. The Republican ought to be ashamed of itself. The Enterprise justly argues and proves by analogy that the editor of the Republican is "either a fool or a mad-man." The idea of Democracy becoming a mere dough-man or indiarubber-man! it's awful. Why not determine "to die in the last ditch," with the good old Democratic armor on? Alas, alas! good old Democratic armor has been long since misplaced, lost; and the garments worn now-a-days in place of it, all claiming to be Democratic, differ so widely in cut and character, that it confuses one to look at them. Democracy, like Joseph's coat, has many colors. It is ring-streaked and striped, and the policy of allowing some sore-headed Republican to work it into Presidential hash, will not help the matter. Suppose the movement prevails—and it seems now as if it would—and suppose Sumner is nominated; would not the ghost of Brooks rise up and scare the Democratic part of the amalgamation into catnip fits with that cane with which he pounded Sumner over the head in the Senate in the days of Democratic glory? Suppose they take Fred Douglas to their arms, and make him their Presidential standard bearer—we are awfully afraid they will—wouldn't their lonely hours of night, and their dreams, be filled with innumerable ghastly forms of martyred negroes, whom Southern Democracy had made such? 'Twon't do. This "passive" policy has already developed a great many lunatics, as the Enterprise justly thinks, in the Democratic party. Scores of journals in the country have favored it, and it is horrible to think of the result if they all adopt it. "Die in the last ditch," Democracy, die in the last ditch.

Only Hope.

The Missouri Republican recently interviewed Frank P. Blair, the interview taking place just after Blair's return from an official visit South, on the Congressional Commission to investigate Ku Klux and the condition of the South generally. In this interview, Blair said that wherever he spoke or conversed with the leading men of the State, he found that they all accepted the policy known as the Missouri Passive policy, as the only hope. That only would save them from ruin. How is that, Oregon Democrats?

An informal opening of the Ontario Legislature, in Canada, took place on the 8th inst.

Parades.

Dispatches of the 8th inst., from New York, state that the Board of Police Commissioners adopted a resolution instructing the Superintendent of Police to notify the officers of the various societies of that city, that the proposed parade of societies on the Sunday following would not be tolerated. They would not permit the parade to occur on Sunday. The Superintendent was directed to arrest all persons who attempted parading. We are glad that New York has taken this reformatory step. Infidel societies and others, whose cardinal principles are at war with the sacred and devotional observance of the Sabbath, so universally recognized as a day of rest from secular labor and of devotion to Almighty God by all civilized nations and communities, have no business to interrupt their quiet and peacefulness and worship of this honored and revered institution, by the noise and confusion and revel which are the natural concomitants of public parades and celebrations. There are six days in which these parades can be held, without infringing upon the rights of any.

Demoralized Democracy.

The annexed comments of the Detroit Post, on the distracted condition of the Democratic party, is commended to the careful scrutiny of that class of Democrats, in Oregon who believe that union and harmony and principle of the "Old Hickory" stripe still cements the party into one symmetrical whole: The Democratic organs still continue to invent new departures. The Washington Patriot nominates Charles Sumner as Democratic candidate for President! The Cincinnati Inquirer goes for Colonel Scott, who was Stanton's assistant during the war. The St. Louis Republican is willing to take anybody that any clique of dissatisfied Republicans may nominate. The Chicago Times indicates that Governor Palmer will be its choice. It only remains for the Boston Post to nominate Wendell Phillips, the New York World to nominate Fred Douglass, and the Richmond Enquirer to nominate General Grant, to make the Democratic new departure complete. As for the Democrats of Michigan, the Free Press seems to be preparing to nominate Boss Tweed, and Tweed is preparing to run away. Those who do not like this, but, like the Democrats in other States, are bound to run a Republican, can go for Senator Trumbull or Chief Justice Chase, each of whom has been nominated by Democratic journals heretofore.

New York is running after everything Russian now. They have their Russian baths, furs, music, salve, etc. An exchange suggests that he sight of a loose Russian bear might change the order of running. Who knows but that may be a brain?

A Herald Washington dispatch says a scheme is on foot for the impeachment of President Grant. The subject was under consideration in the Democratic Congressional Committee yesterday. It will be further pursued at the meeting next Wednesday. It is believed that Montgomery Blair is at the bottom of it. The main charge will be for violation of the International law, usurpation of war powers, and in connection with the attempted annexation of San Domingo.

The New York Tribune of the 9th inst. asserts that Connolly had consented at the instigation of Commodore C. K. Garrison, who was anxious to become his bail, to make restitution to the city of the sum of one million dollars, but Charles O'Connor would not consent to the arrangement, his proposition being an assignment of property by Connolly to this amount to await the issue of the trial, and, consequently, it failed. If the proposition had been acceded to, Connolly was to have turned States' evidence. Mrs. Connolly, in whose name Connolly's property all stands, was a principal.

The University at Salem has enrolled over one hundred and eighty names during the present term.

FOREIGN NEWS.

From Spain comes the news of the municipal election in Madrid. The radicals elected seventy-five members of the council. The returns from the Provinces have not yet been fully received, but the indications favor the complete success of the Radicals.

While Mr. Edgar was addressing a Republican meeting at Reading, England, on the night of Dec. 6th, a crowd rushed into the hall and after a hard fight the Republicans were driven back, and Edgar was obliged to seek safety by flight.

An imposing demonstration was made the same evening at Birmingham in favor of Radical reform in the House of Lords, and of limitation to its power to defeat or suspend beneficial and progressive legislation of the House of Commons. Mr. Dillke addressed the meeting. While speaking he was frequently interrupted. So great was the confusion that he was obliged to desist. Resolutions were adopted protesting against the principle of hereditary legislation, and to demand the withdrawal of the legislative functions of the Bench of Bishops.

The news from London, Eng., up to December 9th, is, that the Prince of Wales has become worse, though not entirely hopeless. The Princess and children had been summoned. His youngest brother and sister also. The Archbishop of Canterbury requests the clergy to pray for his recovery. The excitement is very great.

The same dispatch says that the telegraph operators are making a general strike throughout the larger cities, and threatens to cause much inconvenience.

In the Assembly of France a motion was made, December 8th, by M. Duchatt, for the removal of it and the seat of Government to Paris. A vote of urgency, demanded upon the question of a future form of government for France, was refused.

News from Mexico to the 8th inst. state that the Revolutionists are marching on San Luis, Meir and Camargo. Cortina is said to have imprisoned several foreign merchants in Meir, for sympathy with the Revolutionists. Business has been suspended.

The Orleans Princess have consented to defer their claims to seats in the French Assembly for the present.

EASTERN NEWS.

F. A. Marden, Chief of Division of Accounts, was arrested Dec. 7th at Washington, on the charge of stealing over \$12,000 from the Government. The loss falls on Treasurer Spinner.

The Republican and Liberal Republican committees met in joint session in St. Louis, December 5th, and unanimously adopted a resolution for a State Republican Convention to be held in Jefferson City, February 22d.

The sheriff of New York has returned the papers for the arrest of Ingersoll, endorsed as follows: "Defendant cannot be found."

At a meeting of the regular Republican Central Committee of New York, recently, a resolution was adopted, that no more propositions of affiliation be made to the Greeley wing.

The small pox is decreasing in New York.

Four hundred and fifty canal boats are frozen in on the Hudson river and Erie canal. But few, it is thought, will be able to get out. The greater number with a cargo valued at \$4,000,000, will remain bound entire.

At the election recently in the District of Columbia, twenty Republicans and two Democrats were chosen to the House of Delegates. The loan of \$4,000,000 for public improvements was carried by a vote of 14,842 to 1,199.

Governor Hoffman in behalf of the State of New York, has made arrangements to send to the Law Institute at Chicago, a complete set

of session laws and revised statistics of New York, with State reports, and Kent's commentaries. Governor Hoffman trusts the Legislature will confirm his action.

Not long since human remains were found in the basement of the Tribune building at Chicago. They were identified as the body of J. B. Stubbs, reporter on the Tribune. He was last seen near the building on the morning of the fire, and had not been heard from since.

On the night of the 8th the steam tugs "Highlander" and "Hercules" were burned at Kingston, Ontario. Loss, \$50,000. One man burned to death. The entire east side of the public square of Rockville was also burned, resulting in heavy loss.

Connolly has been unable to give bail, and has been shoved into the Ludlow street jail in New York city. The Democracy are losing their leaders fast.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Mr. D. E. Rice, the young man spoken of by the Salem Statesman some time ago as having appropriated \$25 a month of his employer's money for about a year, whom his employer refused to prosecute, was arrested in Eugene City last week, we are informed by the Journal, on a warrant issued on a bill found against him by the Grand Jury.

They have had skating at Baker City recently.

One hundred and seventy-five salmon were recently caught by Mr. Diller, of Oregon City, at one haul.

The Corvallis Gazette wants so sell a few hundred of its issues to farmers for "scare crows" to prevent the depredations of wild geese.

They have been having several "scrimmages" in the saloons at Corvallis, lately, and the Gazette promises to show them up in print if the guilty parties don't quit.

The following is from the Corvallis Gazette: We had a call a few days since, from Mr. John Stewart, one of the pioneers of Benton county. Himself and wife have been in feeble and failing health for several years, and becoming tired of "drugs and doctors" concluded to take a trip to the Soda Springs, selecting the Middle, or Finley Springs, on the Cascade Mountain Road, about twelve miles above the toll-gate. They left here in August, taking Miss Mahala Stewart, their niece, with them, who at the time was scarcely able to stand the fatigue of travel. Mrs. S. and Mahala came back in perfect health, and Mr. S. very much improved. They speak in the highest terms of these Springs. Fine place for camping out. We give this item, that other invalids "may go and do likewise." We forgot to mention that Mrs. S. since her return (in September) has been doing all her own housework, and no signs of returning disease. To all appearance a permanent cure was effected.

From the Eugene City Guard we learn that a negro was gobbled up last week for having gobbled up a turkey gobbler, and he had to shell out \$25 for indulging in such a gobble.

Also, Richard Roe tried to go into the sea-foam business by stealing a merschaum pipe; but the experiment cost him \$25.

Ned Percy, convicted some two weeks since of grand larceny, by winning \$1,000 in Portland, from a countryman named Hawk, was denied a new trial, which was asked by his attorney, and last Saturday he was sentenced to the Penitentiary for one year.

In a difficulty between two Portuguese and four Chinamen at Hawkinsville, California, Saturday before last, one of the Portuguese named Antonia Rogers, shot and almost instantly killed one of the Chinamen, and then shot another wounding him in the hip.

Mr. Garfield, of Washington Territory, delivered his lecture on the North-west Coast, in Walla Walla, on Friday, Dec. 1st.

William Shepherd, the thief who stole goods from Hannah, at Gervais, was sentenced last week by the court in Salem to three years in the Penitentiary.

They have two female astrologists and fortune tellers in Portland.

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